

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FACULTY POSITION

Assistant Professor – Sport Management University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Position: The Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invites applications for an Assistant Professor – Sport Management, nine-month, tenure-track position. We are seeking candidates with a strong, well-defined research agenda with the ability to teach core subjects. This position builds on the department's interdisciplinary strengths to integrate recreation, sport and tourism and offers opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary scholarship within the department as well as other units within the College of Applied Health Sciences and across campus. The start date for this position will be August 16, 2018.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities include conducting research in chosen area of expertise; building collaborative research partnerships with colleagues within the department, college and various disciplines across campus; advising and directing student research including theses and dissertations; instructing undergraduate and graduate courses; contributing to the Department's curriculum; seeking external funding for research efforts; serving on Department, College, and University committees; and engaging in professional and public service activities.

Qualifications: To qualify for the position, applicants must demonstrate the following minimum qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in an affiliated field at the time of appointment (although applicants with an ABD status will be considered, the hire would be contingent upon completing the degree prior to the position's start date).
- Evidence of or potential to publish in top tier peer-reviewed journals.
- Evidence of or potential to attract external funding.
- Ability to teach courses within the RST department.
- Ability to contribute to the university and the Recreation, Sport and Tourism field through academic and public service/engagement.

Preference will be given to the applicants who can contribute to the undergraduate and graduate curricula in the areas of management, marketing, finance, and/or strategic management. In addition, we are particularly interested in candidates who can make linkages among tourism, recreation, and sport.

The Department: Faculty and staff of the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism (RST) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign work to advance knowledge to foster healthy lifestyles, environmental stewardship and sustainability, effective management and marketing of organizations, and social and economic development of communities (see www.rst.illinois.edu for additional information). The Department offers residential B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. programs, an online M.S. program, and houses the Office of Park and Recreation Resources with a mission to build partnerships for healthy communities.

The College: The RST Department is part of the College of Applied Health Sciences (see <http://ahs.illinois.edu>) and affiliated with the Center for Health, Aging, and Disability (see

<http://chad.illinois.edu>). The College houses the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services (<http://www.disability.illinois.edu>) (DRES) which includes the US Paralympic Training Site for Wheelchair Track and Road Racing. The College also houses the Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education (<http://woundedvetcenter.ahs.illinois.edu>) which opened in 2015 to provide support services to empower student veterans with disabilities.

The Community: Urbana-Champaign (located 120 miles south of Chicago) combines natural Midwestern beauty with the cultural resources typically found in larger metropolitan areas. Downtown areas provide vibrant public spaces with unique dining and entertainment options and the local community offers a thriving arts and culture atmosphere as well as varsity and community sports. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy 80 parks within the two communities with easy access to three major forest preserves in Champaign County (see www.visitchampaigncounty.org for additional information).

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application procedure: Screening of candidates will begin on September 30, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled. To apply please create your candidate profile at <https://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload your letter of application that includes a statement of your research interests, curriculum vitae, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered. For additional information regarding the position contact the Search Committee Chair, Liza Berdychevsky at (217) 244-2971 or at lizabk@illinois.edu.

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of contingent offer.

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