

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FACULTY POSITION

Assistant/Associate Professor – Disability Sport 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/Associate Professor, nine-month, tenure-track/tenured position. The position offers opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary scholarship within the department as well as other units within the College of Applied Health Sciences, including the Division of Disability Resources & Educational Services, and the Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education. Candidates are sought who have research interests related to disability in the context of sport and/or physically active recreation. The start date for this position will be August 16, 2017.

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:

- A doctoral degree in a discipline relevant to sport, disability or a related field.
- 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.

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. Recently 32 athletes associated with DRES participated in the 2016 Rio Paralympics. 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 **October 31, 2016** 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 more information about the position, applicants may contact:

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