



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FACULTY POSITION

### **Assistant / Associate Professor – Recreation 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 or Associate Professor of Recreation, Sport and Tourism** with expertise in **recreation and/or parks**. We seek candidates with a strong, well-defined research agenda and the ability to teach courses in the area of parks/recreation and the RST core curriculum. The potential for the applicant's research program to be aligned with the mission and goals of the Office of Recreation and Park Resources is desirable (<https://ahs.illinois.edu/orpr-home>). This position builds on the Department's interdisciplinary strengths in community and organizational development, individual health and wellbeing, sustainable change, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. This is a 9-month tenure-track appointment. **The start date for this position will be August 16, 2022.**

The University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit <http://go.illinois.edu/EEO>.

#### **Responsibilities**

Responsibilities include conducting research in aspects of recreation and/or parks; 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 recreation, parks, leisure, or an affiliated field at the time of appointment. Applicants with ABD status will be considered, but the candidate must complete their doctoral 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 secure external funding to support one's research program.
- Ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses within the RST department while demonstrating ability to make linkages among recreation, sport, and tourism.
- Ability to mentor doctoral and masters students.
- Ability to contribute to the University and the Recreation, Sport and Tourism field through academic service and public 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](http://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 Recreation and Park 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 on 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](http://www.visitchampaigncounty.org) for additional information).

### **Salary**

Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

### **Application procedure**

For full consideration, please submit all required materials by **November 1, 2021**. Screening of candidates will continue until the position is filled. To apply please create your candidate profile at <https://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload:

- Cover letter of application that describes your research, teaching, and service
- Curriculum vitae
- Names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of three references

All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered. For additional information regarding the position please contact the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Toni Liechty at (217) 300-0105 or at [tliechty@illinois.edu](mailto:tliechty@illinois.edu).

### **General Information**

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. Convictions are not a bar to employment.

The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, visit [Policy on Consideration of Sexual Misconduct in Prior Employment](#).

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The University of Illinois must also comply with applicable federal export control laws and regulations and, as such, reserves the right to employ restricted party screening procedures for applicants.