

## **Assistant Professor, Psychology of Physical Activity**

The Department of Kinesiology at The Pennsylvania State University is seeking a full-time faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure track) in the area of Psychology of Physical Activity. Candidates must have an earned doctorate in an appropriate area within or related to Kinesiology. The successful candidate must have a record of scholarly accomplishments, including success or promise in obtaining extramural funding for research, and have a commitment to teaching excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The committee strongly encourages applications and nominations of women and persons of underrepresented groups. Post-doctoral experience and an established research program are preferred. Preference will be given to a candidate whose research builds on existing strengths in the department. This position will begin in Fall 2022.

The Department of Kinesiology (<http://hhd.psu.edu/kines>) offers B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees and is part of the College of Health and Human Development (<http://hhd.psu.edu/>). Our graduate program includes six areas: Motor Control, Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology, Athletic Training and Sport Medicine, Psychology of Physical Activity, and History and Philosophy of Sport. With 25 tenured and tenure track faculty and 20 non-tenure track faculty the Department is consistently ranked among the top 3 kinesiology graduate programs nationally and is internationally recognized for its research accomplishments. The Department currently enrolls approximately 700 undergraduate and 45 graduate students.

The Kinesiology Department houses a world-renowned scholarly environment that is supportive for faculty research and provides an attractive training atmosphere for student and post-doctoral trainees as well as visiting scholars. We have a strong record of mentorship of our tenure track faculty who receive protected research time, excellent research resources and start up, and grant writing mentorship. Our faculty have a strong record of productivity, external funding, experience in grant review and grant-mentorship, providing excellent support to young faculty.

We are seeking a candidate who can complement and extend our current department research strengths in behavioral/psychological dimensions of physical activity, exercise, and sports injury. The Department of Kinesiology has established strengths in health behavior intervention development and evaluation, digital technologies for passive sensing, and just-in-time adaptive interventions. While we are interested in attracting a broad pool of candidates whose interests fit the position, we are particularly interested in such foci as social determinants of physical activity and health, the development and delivery of novel physical activity interventions e.g., telehealth, digital health, as well as environmental influences on behavior change, psychological well-being, health equity, and or disease prevention across the adult lifespan.

Resources at Penn State in areas pertinent to the study of psychology of physical activity including research facilities and collaborations with interdisciplinary Penn State Institutes such as the <https://ssri.psu.edu/>, <https://ctsi.psu.edu/>, <https://cancer.psu.edu/>,

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The College of Health and Human Development strongly encourages applicants who would enrich the diversity of our academic community to apply. Candidates for this faculty position will be expected to actively contribute toward initiatives that support the Department's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. To learn more about Penn State University's commitment to diversity and inclusion see the University's Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at <http://equity.psu.edu/psu-diversity-statement>. As an institution, we embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverages the educational and institutional benefits of diversity, and engages all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusion as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission. In HHD enriching the lives of others is our mission. We believe in the power of human capacity for growth and live that mission by meeting challenges, both big and small, with excitement and energy every day. As a part of this, we enthusiastically support both broad and specific diversity initiatives with varied strategies (including via Penn State's offices for <http://equity.psu.edu/> and <https://affirmativeaction.psu.edu/> and HHD's office for <https://hhd.psu.edu/diversity>) to maximize the chance that persons with unique abilities, interests, strengths, and needs can thrive at Penn State.

The Pennsylvania State University is the land grant institution of Pennsylvania. University Park is the largest of Penn State's 24 campuses, with an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 46,000 students and offering more than 150 programs of graduate study. University Park is located in Central Pennsylvania, adjacent to the municipality of State College, which enjoys high rankings for cultural opportunities, local schools, and quality of life. Penn State values inclusive excellence and we encourage people from all backgrounds to apply.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include: a letter describing fit and qualifications; a complete curriculum vita; a brief (1-3 page) statement of the candidate's 5-year research plan, which will be evaluated for merit, feasibility, and synergy with other members of the University community; a brief (1-3 page) statement of the candidate's teaching philosophy and experience; the names, addresses, e-mail and telephone numbers of three professional references. Applicants should provide evidence, either woven through their application materials or as a separate diversity statement, of their activities and accomplishments to date regarding the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence in the workplace and or in their profession. Direct questions to: Sara Banker, Kinesiology Administrative Assistant to the Search Committee, 276 Recreation Building, Department of Kinesiology, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802. Phone: (814) 863-1163; e-mail: [seb38@psu.edu](mailto:seb38@psu.edu).

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