Assistant/Associate Professor—School of Health and Kinesiology
College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences
University of Nebraska at Omaha

The School of Health and Kinesiology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of assistant or associate professor in Kinesiology. To be considered for this position, applicants should demonstrate a defined research agenda and successful trajectory toward external funding and research independence. In the fall of 2022, the School of Health and Kinesiology will begin the construction of a new 33,000 square foot laboratory facility to support faculty research. Current and future facilities include an exercise biology/biochemistry laboratory (wet lab), applied physiology laboratory, body composition laboratory, environmental chamber, cardiovascular/pulmonary physiology laboratory, and motor development laboratory. Our labs are well equipped to support multiple types of research in exercise physiology. The new faculty member will have the opportunity to provide input as our new facility is constructed and outfitted.

Position Summary: Responsibilities for this position include teaching courses in the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral kinesiology curriculum; mentoring and supervising graduate students; establishing an extramurally funded research program; and providing service to the school, college, university, and urban community.

Required Qualifications: Doctoral degree in kinesiology, exercise physiology, or related field. Clear evidence of a research agenda with post-doctoral experience and funding history strongly preferred.

Why UNO?

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is fueled by its historical ties to Omaha. As the first municipal university in Omaha, the early founders’ goal was to make higher education accessible and affordable for the city’s residents. In 1968, the campus joined the University of Nebraska system, and today has the unique role of serving as the state’s metropolitan campus.

Accessibility remains a top priority in UNO’s mission and vision. Today, the campus is known for its student-centered environment, its community engagement, and its dedication to embracing students from all types of backgrounds. UNO’s ranking as the 2020 Best College for LGBTQ+ Students In Nebraska reflects a commitment to the Maverick values of access, inclusion and diversity that make UNO a welcoming campus community, evidenced by the numerous resources and support services offered by the university.

The campus has built strong partnerships with local business, education, government, arts, and civic organizations in the city. UNO’s commitment to community engagement has landed UNO on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for seven consecutive years—the highest federal recognition a school can receive for civic engagement.

This honor is but one of many points of pride for UNO. In 2019, it was ranked in the top ten public institutions in the nation for military friendliness by Military Times magazine for the fifth consecutive year. Nearly 90 percent of UNO’s 15,500 students are from Nebraska, and roughly 60 percent of recent alumni surveyed report graduating with no debt or less than $5,000 in debt. It is simply one of the most competitively priced institutions in the region. UNO, while large enough to provide students with global
opportunities, thrives on its personal and close-knit campus culture, where students come first and partnerships with the community grow every day. For more information about how UNO embraces its mission, see Growing With and Within Our Thriving Community.

Important Application Instructions:
To learn more and apply online, please visit https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/15955 and submit the following application materials:

1. Cover letter
2. CV
3. Statements of research and teaching interests.
4. Contact information for three references (references will only be contacted for finalists)

Applications must be submitted directly through the UNO website to be considered for this position. Any applications submitted via email or this website will not be reviewed or considered.

Review of applications will begin on September 30, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, please apply by the review date. Applications received after the review date may be considered. For questions about the position, please contact Dr. Jason Coleman, Director of the School of Health and Kinesiology, at jdcoleman@unomaha.edu.

Benefits:
The University of Nebraska at Omaha proudly offers a competitive and comprehensive benefits package, with flexible options designed to meet the diverse needs of our faculty and staff. To learn more about our options for medical, vision, dental and other insurances, as well as our generous time off policies and retirement options, please visit https://www.unomaha.edu/human-resources/benefits/index.php

The University and College of Health, Education and Human Sciences have a strong commitment to achieving diversity among faculty and staff. The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its programs, activities, or employment. UNO is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an E-Verify employer.

Position Justification/Mission Critical
The School of Health and Kinesiology lost two Kinesiology faculty members in the spring/summer of 2022 due to resignations. One of these positions was recently filled with an instructor on a one-year appointment. We seek permission to fill the other position, effective fall 2023, with a full-time tenure-track assistant or associate professor. Over the past three academic years, our bachelor’s degree program in Kinesiology has experiences growth of approximately 23%. In order to continue to serve students effectively and facilitate externally funded research, we must fill this position as soon as possible.
Position Details

Replacement for Dustin Slivka

Salary range: $70,000 - $85,000

Starting date: August 15, 2023

Posting date: ASAP/open until filled

Committee

Song-Young Park, Chair

TBD

Recruitment Plan

Potential candidates for this position will be recruited via a variety of traditional and creative sources to generate a diverse and highly qualified pool. The position advertisement will be posted to listservs for professional organizations (e.g. American Kinesiology Association, American Physiology Association), academic publications and websites (e.g. Higher Ed Jobs, Chronicle of Higher Ed, Indeed and the various academic and professional listservs the search committee members follow.

To ensure the candidate pool is diverse, the advertisements will be promoted in publications that serve marginalized professionals such as those who are people of color, LGBTQ+ identified, and/or disabled. Specifically, posts will be made to Historically Black Colleges and Universities who have PhD programs in kinesiology/exercise science/physiology. Additionally, the committee will search diversity databases such as The Registry to reach out to candidates in the field.

Recruitment will begin immediately upon approval of the current recruitment plan. The first committee meeting will take place early in the fall semester to go over policies and procedures and agree on a final scoring rubric. The committee chair will review applications on a rolling basis and alert the committee when there are sufficient applications to begin the scoring process. The committee will convene to discuss their individual scoring once the chair has determined the pool is sufficient. The committee will select 5 to 10 applicants to interview via zoom and create a finalist list. In-person interviews will be scheduled with each finalist.