



TWO RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

ANTICIPATED START DATE: June 1st, 2012

TWELVE MONTH SALARY: \$12,000 + Tuition Waiver

Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Kinesiology while researching comprehensive school physical activity programs (CSPAP) created by teachers certified as a Director of Physical Activity (DPA)? LSU's Department of Kinesiology is seeking two twelve month research assistantships (RAs) to assist with the implementation and management of a recently funded research project that will evaluate the impact of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education's (NASPE) DPA certification program on changes in CSPAP policies, teacher efficacy, and physical activity behaviors of underserved 9-14 year-old children. Support for this project was provided in large part by a grant (I.D.: 69549) from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its Active Living Research program, along with in-kind contributions from NASPE and the Louisiana Department of Education. The anticipated end date is May 31st 2013; however, provided the RAs make satisfactory progress towards their degree, the LSU Department of Kinesiology is committed to continuing to support both RAs on a nine month teaching assistantship (comparable monthly salary) for the remainder of their degree program, up to a limit of three additional years (Four years of total funding: Year 1 as RA; Years 2-4 as TA).

Responsibilities: The successful RAs will complete graduate coursework and fulfill all program requirements in pedagogy or a related Kinesiology concentration. In addition, both RAs will work closely with the project team to assist them with all procedural and operational aspects of the project. Major activities include: attending the DPA trainings, writing IRB amendments and assuring all protocols are followed, assisting with participant recruitment and retention, monitoring the data collection procedures (online surveys, artifact uploading, accelerometry), entering, organizing, and verifying research data, conducting demographic statistics and qualitative coding, scheduling and maintaining correspondence with teacher participants and advisory board and arranging reimbursements, and participating in the dissemination of the research activities related to the project (e.g., annual reports, publications, presentations).

Required Qualifications: Earned Bachelors (Masters preferred) in Kinesiology or related field, and full admission to the graduate school at LSU is required. Individuals interested in pursuing only a M.S. degree will be considered. Successful applicants should have knowledge and experience in an area germane to physical education, physical activity and health, including a keen interest in CSPAPs, the DPA certification program, and working with underserved school settings. The RAs must also demonstrate the essential writing, technical, communication, and managerial skills required to attend to the broad range of responsibilities on a timely basis.

January 23, 2012

Application Procedures: Interested applicants must first submit a LSU graduate school application and supporting materials through the online application site: <http://www.lsu.edu/gradapply>. In addition, to assure full consideration for the RA positions, the following materials must be sent directly to Dr. Russell Carson by **March 12th, 2012**: (a) letter of application that specifically addresses interest in and/or experience with CSPAP research, (b) resume, and (c) names and contact information of at least three references. Materials will be reviewed when submitted; however, both positions will remain open until suitable candidates are found.

Websites: LSU's Department of Kinesiology (www.lsu.edu/kinesiology), LSU Graduate School information and policies (<http://gradlsu.gs.lsu.edu/>), and CSPAP and DPA program overview (<http://www.aahperd.org/letsmoveinschool/>).

For more information, please contact: Dr. Russell Carson at rlcarson@lsu.edu or 225-578-2923.



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