

Health and Kinesiology Department Head Position

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Head of the Department of Health and Kinesiology in the newly formed College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue University. The position will be available July 1, 2012 with a five-year renewable term, reporting to the Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences. We seek an internationally recognized researcher who will provide leadership, vision, and management in curriculum, personnel, and faculty/staff development as well as serve as an advocate for the Department to the College, University, and larger community.

The successful candidate will be an academic leader and scholar with a strong commitment to the discovery, learning, and engagement missions of the Department. Applicants should have scholarly credentials commensurate with the rank of Tenured Full Professor. Field of specialization is open. Desirable attributes include a strong record of published research and external funding as well as prior experience in academic administration, undergraduate and graduate education, and development. The candidate selected will be someone who values and promotes diversity.

The Department of Health and Kinesiology is a diverse and collegial department with 17 full-time tenure-track faculty, 2 joint-appointed tenure-track faculty (with Women's Studies and African American Studies), 4 clinical faculty, and 6 continuing lecturers. Research is conducted in the areas of public health, kinesiology (exercise physiology, sport and exercise psychology, motor development and control, biomechanics, sociology of sport, philosophy and history of sport), pedagogy, recreation and sport management, and athletic training. The Department is highly interdisciplinary, with ongoing collaborations with many of Purdue's other departments (e.g., Psychological Sciences; Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences; Mechanical Engineering; Human Development and Family Studies; Nutrition Sciences) and programs/centers (e.g., Center for Aging and the Life Course, Oncological Sciences Center, Military Family Research Institute, Recreational Sports), and organizations in the community (e.g., University Place Senior Living Community, Clarian/IU Health). The Department is also the home of the A. H. Ismail Center for Health, Exercise, and Nutrition; and the Purdue Athletes Life Success program for underserved youth. The Department has accredited programs in health and physical education and athletic training, as well as an applied exercise and health program. It awards BS, MS, MPH and PhD degrees and currently has approximately 750 undergraduate majors, 43 MS and MPH students, and 36 PhD students.

Review of applications will begin January 1, 2012, but applications will continue to be accepted until an exceptional leader is selected. A background check will be required for employment in this position. Applicants should submit their curriculum vitae, a letter of interest indicating relevant experience and qualifications, and a list of three references. Materials are to be sent electronically to:

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