Graduate Assistantships, 2016-2017

The Department of Kinesiology is accepting applications for Graduate Assistantships for the 2016-2017 academic year from students admitted to a Master of Science in Kinesiology program: Behavioral Studies, Biophysical Studies, or Socio-Historical Studies.

GA awards include a 9-month stipend, tuition waiver and health insurance, and require a 20-hour/week commitment. Assistantships are awarded for one academic year and may be renewed for up to one additional year, pending student performance, progress toward a degree, and department needs. Please note that GA appointments come with requirement that students be enrolled in one of the MS programs and complete thesis research. As such, Master of Kinesiology (MK) students are not eligible for assistantships.

Please review the position descriptions and indicate your area(s) of interest in your letter of application. If you are interested in being considered for more than one GA position, please indicate your order of preference.

All application materials must be received by January 15, 2015.

Graduate Assistant for Sport and Exercise Psychology:
This position requires a 20-hour per week commitment to provide research and/or teaching assistance to faculty in this area.

Part-Time Positions:
The following positions: Biomechanics, Strength and Functional Training for Older Adults, Physical Activity Measurement and Evaluation, Motor Behavior, Human Performance Laboratory are designated as ‘part-time’ and require a 10-hour per week commitment. Two GAs will be designated to cover these four areas, with each student assigned to two different areas and/or faculty.

- Biomechanics
A graduate assistant is needed in the Center for Orthopaedic and Biomechanics Research (COBR). The prospective GA will work with Dr. Tyler Brown and will be assigned duties as needed. The assigned duties may include, but are not limited to: teaching the undergraduate biomechanics laboratory, grading, assisting with biomechanics research (data collection, processing and analysis), and supervising undergraduate COBR interns. The prospective GA should have a strong background and interest in biomechanics. For more information, contact Dr. Tyler Brown (tynbrown@boisestate.edu).
- **Strength and Functional Training for Older Adults**

  Dr. Terry-Ann Gibson is seeking a GA to assist with an older adult research project involving strength and functional training. Primary job responsibilities will include supervision of the training program, administration of assessments, and data entry. The ability to communicate effectively and a desire to work with older adults are required. Experience working with the older adult population and a background in strength and functional training are preferred. For more information, contact Dr. Terry-Ann Gibson (tgibson@boisestate.edu).

- **Physical Activity Measurement and Evaluation**

  This GA will function primarily as a research assistant for Dr. Yong Gao (e.g., literature search, data collection on studies related to physical activity assessment, obesity, sport injuries, concussion, etc.) and will also assist with grading. Applicants should have a relatively strong background and interest in measurement and/or statistics/data analysis, and be willing to pursue an academic career after the completion of his/her master’s degree. Additional responsibilities include occasional teaching (basic statistics and fitness testing) to cover instructor absences. For more information, contact Dr. Yong Gao (YongGao@boisestate.edu).

- **Motor Behavior**

  Dr. Laura Petranek, Director of the Center for Physical Activity and Sport (CPAS), is seeking a graduate assistant in Motor Behavior. This GA will have opportunities to be involved in a variety of on-going research projects within the areas of motor learning and development. Additional research opportunities associated with CPAS will also be available. This research experience will provide the framework for a culminating thesis project. Additional responsibilities will include teaching, supervising, and grading undergraduate laboratory sections of human growth and motor learning.

  Requirements include undergraduate coursework in the areas of motor development and motor learning, acceptance into the Master of Science in Kinesiology, Behavioral Studies program, research interests in the areas of motor behavior, preferably motor learning or motor development, and excellent written and verbal communication skills. In addition, the preferred candidate will have previous experience with human movement research. For more information, contact Dr. Laura Petranek (LauraJonesPetranek@boisestate.edu).
Human Performance Laboratory

Dr. Shawn Simonson is seeking a graduate assistant to work in the Human Performance Laboratory (HPL) and assist with other duties, including but not limited to the following:

- Assisting in human performance research
- Assisting in preparation of manuscripts
- Assisting in teaching laboratory and lecture courses
- Conducting human performance testing
- Maintaining the HPL and equipment
- Supervising undergraduate HPL interns

For more information, contact Dr. Shawn Simonson (ShawnSimonson@boisestate.edu).

Cultural, Historical and Philosophical Aspects of Physical Activity

Drs. Tyler Johnson and Shelley Lucas are seeking a graduate student to serve as a teaching assistant for KINES 201 Cultural, Historical and Philosophical Aspects of Physical Activity and to assist with research activities involving these content areas. Successful applicants will have excellent written and verbal communication skills and an interest and/or background in one of these three areas of study. For more information, contact Dr. Johnson (tylerjohnson6@boisestate.edu) or Dr. Lucas (smlucas@boisestate.edu).