



## Graduate Assistant Position PhD in Exercise Science

Dr. Erin Howie Hickey, within the Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation at the University of Arkansas is looking to fill a PhD Graduate Assistant position beginning in the fall semester of 2022. The Ph.D. program in the Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation is a research-focused degree that is designed to prepare scholars in advanced study to contribute to the field through teaching, research, and service. <http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/healthsportandexercisescience/> Students with interest in physical activity and health, especially among children, are strongly encouraged to apply.

**About the Position:** The position will be under the supervision of Dr. Erin K. Howie Hickey within the Exercise is Medicine research group (<https://exercisemedicine.uark.edu/>) which has two main research arms: 1) the effect of physical activity on educational outcomes in children, 2) promoting and assessing physical activity among students, faculty and staff on campus through the Exercise is Medicine-On Campus initiative. The position may include up to 50% teaching responsibilities. Successful applicants must have completed a master's degree in a related field by start of the assistantship. The applicant should have experience (or willingness) working with children, be highly organized and have good personal and written communication skills. Qualified students may also be eligible for additional University Doctoral Fellowships (<https://hhpr.uark.edu/financial-aid.php>). Priority application deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**About the University:** The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville serves as the major center of liberal and professional education and as the primary land-grant campus in the state with 29,000+ students. The University is Arkansas' major source of theoretical and applied research and the provider of a wide range of public services to people throughout the state and nation. The Carnegie Foundation categorizes the University of Arkansas as a research institution with "very high research activity", placing the University among the top 162 universities nationwide and in a class by itself within the state of Arkansas. U.S. News and World Report has ranked the University among the top tier of institutions of higher education as well as one of the top ten national "Up-and-Comers" of public universities.

Fayetteville, AR is located in the northwest corner of the state with an approximate population of 85,000 residents. The city and area have been featured in numerous publications as a very desirable and economical place to live and recently was listed by Money magazine as one of the "100 Best Places to Live." Outside Magazine ranked the University of Arkansas as one of its "top 25 outdoor colleges" due to proximity to Buffalo National River, Beaver Lake, state parks, and regional trails and greenways.

The University of Arkansas is committed to providing a safe campus community. We conduct background checks for applicants being considered for employment. Background checks include a criminal background check and a sex offender registry check. For certain positions, there may also be a financial (credit) background check, a Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) check, and/or drug screening. Required checks are identified in the position listing. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication or adverse financial history information alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

The University of Arkansas is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The university welcomes applications without regard to age, race/color, gender (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran status, military service, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity. Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

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