

# **Teaching Assistantship Information**

## **UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND HEALTH PROMOTION**

#### **Opportunities**

Teaching assistantships in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at the University of Kentucky are available for the coming academic year. Coursework may be taken leading to the Master of Science degree, with an area of specialization in one of the following areas: biomechanics, exercise physiology, health promotion, physical education teaching/coaching, or sport leadership. Coursework may also be taken leading to a Doctor of Education (Ed.D), with a specialization health promotion or in physical education teaching. A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Exercise Science with specializations in biomechanics, exercise physiology, health promotion, or physical education teaching may be pursued.

#### **Responsibilities and Stipend**

Graduate assistants are assigned to regular faculty in teaching, research, administration, or professional service activities. The stipends begin at \$12,000 extend for a nine month period, with out-of-state and/or in-state tuition scholarship included. Additionally a health insurance plan is provided to all graduate assistants. During the period of employment, the graduate assistant is expected to render 20 hours service per week. Responsibilities include teaching in the lifetime fitness program, planning lessons, holding office hours (up to 8 hours a week), and/or other assigned duties. Attendance to at least two TA meetings during the semester is required, as well as participating in mandatory CPR training, all day teaching and safety training by the KHP department and the UK Graduate School GTA orientation. Some TA positions may include working in the Biodynamics Lab or the Exercise Physiology Lab as a laboratory assistant. Graduate Assistant positions are also available through other units on campus. If you are interested in other graduate assistant positions, you should contact the identified individuals directly regarding application procedures.

#### **Qualifications**

The applicant must present:

1. A Bachelor's degree (for master's applicants) or Master's degree (for Ed.D and Ph.D applicants) from an accredited college with adequate preparation in health, physical education, exercise science, or related fields.
2. A minimum 2.75 undergraduate grade point average (4.0 = A) on all work attempted.
3. For the doctoral degree, a combined Verbal and Quantitative GRE score of 296 (minimum verbal score of 153 and Quantitative score of 144) on the GRE test. Master's degree candidates should have a combined Verbal and Quantitative GRE score of 286 (minimum Verbal score of 146 and Quantitative score of 140) on the GRE test.
4. Evidence of superior character, teaching ability, and capacity for graduate study through supporting letters from persons qualified to judge the applicant's competence. Three letters of reference are required for master's level and four letters of reference are required for doctoral applicants.
5. Students whose native language is not English must have a TOEFL score greater than 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (Internet-based). The minimum IELTS score is 6.5; individual programs may however have higher requirements. Submitted scores must be no more than two years old.

## **Application**

In order to assure that you are considered for an assistantship, **we need a complete file by February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Review of applicants will begin on that date and will continue until all assistantships have been accepted. We will continue to accept applications for teaching assistantships after February 15<sup>th</sup>, but cannot guarantee that your application will be reviewed.

**Application for Teaching Assistantship**  
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**Personal Information**

Name:		Date:	
Current Address:		Current Telephone:	
		Email:	
		UK ID:	
Permanent Address (if different):			

**Academic Information**

Undergraduate Institution:						
Major:		Minor:				
Grade Point Average:		Hours completed:				
Degree sought or obtained:						
Date of graduation:						
GRE Scores:	Aptitude V:		Q:		A:	
TOEFL Score:						
Graduate Institute Attended:						
Major:		Minor:				
Hours completed:		Degree and Date:				
Degree Sought Presently:	MS		EdD		PhD	

**Academic Program** (Please mark the program in which you are applying.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Biomechanics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exercise Physiology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Promotion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Education Teaching/Coaching
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport and Exercise Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport Leadership

**Type of Assistantship Sought** (Please rank 1-4 with 1 being the highest (i.e, the assistantship you are most interested in.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Teaching Assistantship in KHP (contact Dr. Melinda Ickes – <a href="mailto:melinda.ickes@uky.edu">melinda.ickes@uky.edu</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	KHP Living Learning Community Dorm Director (contact Dr. Melinda Ickes – <a href="mailto:melinda.ickes@uky.edu">melinda.ickes@uky.edu</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Campus Recreation (contact Kathy Rose – <a href="mailto:kmrose@uky.edu">kmrose@uky.edu</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wellness (contact Tammy Akin – <a href="mailto:tr.akin@uky.edu">tr.akin@uky.edu</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence Dorm Director (contact Steve Stauffer – <a href="mailto:s.stauffer@uky.edu">s.stauffer@uky.edu</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Athletic Training (contact Dr. Phillip Gribble – <a href="mailto:phillip.gribble@uky.edu">phillip.gribble@uky.edu</a> )

## Related Experiences

Summarize the various teaching, coaching and/or administrative experience(s) you have had in the broad areas of health and/or physical education. Include the dates of employment and job responsibilities. Include your supervisor and contact information for each position listed.

## Teaching Competencies

Please indicate your competency in each of the activities listed below. If **not** qualified, leave blank.

1 = Well qualified to teach or administer (i.e., having the skills necessary to teach how to complete an activity or participate in the activity while maintaining the rules/regulations of the activity and ultimately providing a safe environment for all participants; could effectively teach all of the elements of the activity).

2 = Qualified to teach with some limitations (i.e. has some experience with the skill but may be limited in understanding all aspects of the activity; still has enough knowledge to provide a safe environment for all participants; could teach most elements of the activity).

Aerobics:		Activity Courses:	
	Awesome Abs		Badminton
	Body Pump (sculpture)		Basketball
	Hip Hop		Conditioning
	Kick Boxing		First Aid/CPR#
	Pilates		American Red Cross Certified (Y/N)
	Step Aerobics		Golf
	Toning		Half Marathon
	Yoga		Personal Health
	Zumba*		Racquetball
	<b>Other group fitness:</b>		Running/Jogging
Lab/Content Courses (PhD only):			Soccer
	Biomechanics		Swimming
	Exercise Physiology		WSI certified (Y/N)
	Psychology and Sociology of Sport		Water Aerobics
	Tests and Measurements		Tennis
			Volleyball
			Weight Training
			Walk/Jog
			Ultimate Frisbee

# American Red Cross certification preferred  
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Please give an explanation of competencies indicated above, including any certifications you have, such as American Red Cross, National Strength and Conditioning Association (CSCS), Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES), first aid, aerobics instructor, etc. Include in this list any current professional teaching credentials: