**Graduate Assistantship Positions Available**

**Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism – University of Missouri**

The faculty of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism seeks energetic and organized Master of Science applicants who will advance the educational and scholarship mission of the University of Missouri by providing support in the areas of Leisure Administration, Tourism Development, Natural Resources Recreation Management and Sport Management.

**Graduate Assistantship OPENINGS**

Several Graduate Assistantships are available for master’s students in the 2014-15 academic year on a competitive basis. We have job openings in two positions:

* Graduate Teaching Assistant
* Graduate Research Assistant

Positions are typically two-year assignments, based on quality performance. Graduate Assistants will work closely with faculty in the areas of Leisure Administration, Tourism Development, Natural Resources Recreation Management and Sport Management.

For information regarding faculty background, please visit <http://snr.missouri.edu/prt/faculty/>.

**BENEFITS**

**Stipend**

The minimum stipend levels are $5,100 or $13.08 per hour for 0.25 Full Time Employment (10 hours per week), 9-month appointments. Annual stipend levels are determined by the MU Budget Office in June of each academic year. Summer and 0.50 Full Time Employment appointments are occasionally available.

**Tuition**

Resident and non-resident tuition is also covered with the appointment. (Summer tuition waivers are available to graduate students who received nine months appointments).

**Not covered**

Incidental fees, including, but not limited to, information technology, activity, health, recreation center or non-SNR supplemental course fees. As a policy we waive the supplemental fee for SNR Graduate Research and Teaching Assistants.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

* Attend assigned undergraduate courses to assist with classroom management
* Assist with grading course homework
* Lead/teach class as needed
* Assist with course curriculum development

*Graduate Research Assistant*

* Conduct literature reviews
* Collect and analyze data
* Write reports and/or manuscripts
* Present at conferences

**QUALIFICATIONS**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

* Basic fundamental knowledge of parks, recreation, tourism and sport.
* Ability to give constructive feedback
* Comfortable speaking in front of large groups
* Professional demeanor, dependable and punctual
* Interest in collegiate teaching; minor in collegiate teaching is offered on campus

*Graduate Research Assistant*

* Self-motivated and ability to work with limited supervision
* Ability to think analytically
* Comfortable giving research presentations
* Intellectually curious
* Willingness to learn data analysis programs
* Interest in research engagement

**ABOUT THE DEGREE PROGRAM**

Students will work closely with their faculty advisor and committee to develop a program of study that matches their interests (often interdisciplinary) and meets the degree requirements. There are two options of study (30 credit hours for thesis or 39 credit hours for project). Both are designed to prepare students for advanced positions in the park, recreation, tourism and sport profession. Upon completion of the program students will graduate with a Master of Science in Natural Resources, with an emphasis in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applications for our Master of Science (MS) degree are accepted on an ongoing basis will start to be reviewed on February 1st for fall semester entrance, and September 1st for spring semester entrance.

* Visit, <http://gradschool.missouri.edu/>
* Complete the online graduate school application
* Send unofficial transcripts and GRE scores
* Submit three letters of recommendation, resume, and statement of purpose (indicate faculty member you seek as your advisor)
* Application for assistantship

For additional information regarding the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism graduate studies program, please visit <http://snr.missouri.edu/grad/prt.php>.

**MIZZOU FACTS**

* Enrollment: 34,658 (Fall 2013)
* Division I, Southeastern Conference university
* First public university west of the Mississippi
* Major land-grant institution and Missouri’s largest public research university
* Nationally recognized student recreation complex

**COLUMBIA FACTS**

* Halfway point between St. Louis and Kansas City
* Population of 100,000+
* Hosts many events such as the True/False Film Festival and Roots and Blues Festival
* Citied as one of America’s best places to live because of its excellent quality of life