DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KINESIOLOGY, AND SPORT
POSITION AVAILABLE JANUARY 1, 2021
DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON
AND
ASSOCIATE/PROFESSOR OF EXERCISE SCIENCE

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KINESIOLOGY, AND SPORT in the College of Education and Professional Studies at the University of South Alabama is seeking applicants to fill the position of Department Chairperson, Associate Professor/Professor of Exercise Science. This appointment is a twelve (12) month full-time tenure-track position, commensurate with qualifications.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA is a diverse and vibrant public university that is making a difference in the lives of the people of Alabama and the nation through teaching, research, service and health care. The University offers a wide range of high-quality undergraduate and graduate academic programs to 14,000 students. Located in the city of Mobile, USA is a major public institution of higher learning on the upper Gulf Coast.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES is one of nine colleges and schools of the University of South Alabama. Founded in 1967, the college serves approximately 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students. With a total annual budget exceeding 14 million dollars, the College is able to support a broad array of degree programs including bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral. The College is nationally accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and our educator preparation programs are accredited by the Alabama State Department of Education.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KINESIOLOGY, AND SPORT has 12 tenure track faculty, 4 non-tenure track instructional faculty, and 3 staff members. The Department offers undergraduate programs in Exercise Science, Health, Health and Physical Education, and Sport Management and Recreation Studies with concentrations in Therapeutic Recreation and Sport and Recreation Management. Graduate programs are offered in Exercise Science, Health, Health Education, Physical Education, and Sport Management. Facilities include a Biochemistry Exercise Research Lab, a Human Performance Laboratory, and a Cardiovascular Exercise Teaching and Research Lab. Lab equipment includes: Hologic DEXA, Biodex Dynamometer, AMTI force plate, Fit 3-D scanner, NIRS device, COSMED metabolic cart, Velotron Wingate cycle ergometer, a real-time PCR system, microplate reader, and other basic exercise and laboratory equipment including a fully equipped weight training room.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The department chair is the chief administrator of the department and is responsible for the academic, personnel, financial, and administrative needs of the department. The department chair reports to the dean of the college. Department chair responsibilities include:

- Planning, recruiting, and recommending the appointment of faculty members;
- Evaluating annually, and as directed, the performance of departmental faculty and making recommendations with respect to salaries, promotions, tenure, and retention;
- Measuring and reporting student learning outcomes to continuously improve each program within the department;
- Planning and recommending departmental programs and curricular changes, additions and deletions, coordinating with others when needed and as directed;
- Recommending departmental class schedules, semester and annually;
- Planning and recommending departmental space needs;
- Developing and supervising a departmental protocol for advising students;
- Recommending annual budget requests, and after appropriations, supervising expenditures;
- Serving as custodian of all instructional property assigned to the department, including receipt, assignment, and eventual disposition;
Teaching and conducting research/scholarly activities;
Promoting/advancing the research productivity of faculty;
Promoting excellence in teaching and learning;
Performing other duties as assigned by the Dean, including special projects.

Responsibilities as a member of the Exercise Science faculty will include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses online and on campus; student advising; directing and serving on graduate thesis committees; serving on College and University Committees; securing extramural funding; and collaborating with educational partners on and off campus. At the rank of Professor, the successful candidate will have demonstrated a consistent and ongoing record of scholarship and extramural funding, and will have demonstrated experience in providing program leadership.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Doctoral degree in Exercise Science, Kinesiology, or a related discipline; a strong record of scholarly activity, including refereed publications and/or external funding; successful teaching and advising at the undergraduate and graduate levels; previous administrative experience; demonstrated commitment to diversity among faculty and students; demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with other units on campus as well as school, business, and community partners.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: A strong commitment to undergraduate and graduate education; the vision and academic stature to build and maintain robust basic and translational research; and being an active leader in professional organizations.

APPLICATION: Interested applicants should email (1) a cover letter of interest to include a description of research and teaching interests/experiences, (2) a Curriculum Vita that includes the names, affiliation, and contact information of three references, and (3) copies of unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts to Dana Burleson, Administrative Assistant, College of Education and Professional Studies at dburleson@southalabama.edu. Arrange all documents into one single PDF document and in the subject line of the email indicate “Department Chair/HKS Search.” Inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Neil Schwarz, Search Committee Chair at (251) 460-6877 or email at neilschwarz@southalabama.edu.

Following a review of these materials, applicants invited for a campus interview will arrange to have submitted three signed, original letters of recommendation and official graduate and undergraduate transcripts sent directly by the Registrars of all degree granting institutions attended to Dana Burleson, College of Education and Professional Studies, University Commons, 3600 University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688-0002 or dburleson@southalabama.edu. Review of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

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