Ph.D. in Kinesiology & Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

The Division of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Studies at Wayne State University welcomes Ph.D. applications for tracks in Exercise and Sport Science (ESS) and Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership (PE-PAL).

http://coe.wayne.edu/kinesiology/index.php

Program Overview: Doctoral training in KHS at Wayne State University pairs students with world-class scholars to train the next generation of university research faculty: http://coe.wayne.edu/kinesiology/faculty.php Students select from two tracks: Exercise and Sport Science or Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership. Students in ESS receive interdisciplinary training in motor learning and control, biomechanics, physical activity and exercise physiology, exercise psychophysiology, disability sport, and sport psychology. Students in PE-PAL work directly with faculty in the Center for School Health on physical activity and nutrition programs and interventions in schools and community organizations. Doctoral students in both tracks develop scholarly and professional skills through course work, research projects, tailored mentoring with faculty advisors, participation in grant writing, presenting at scientific conferences, and journal publishing.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships: GTAs will teach courses and provide instructional support in the division. The majority of GTAs will be assigned to teach group exercise classes in our Lifestyle Fitness Activities program (LFA) (http://coe.wayne.edu/kinesiology/lifestyle/index.php). Students with specialized skills may teach lower level courses for division majors or assist faculty with lab components of large-lecture courses. Applicants should review the menu of LFA classes that the division offers and indicate the courses they have the qualifications to teach. Applicants should also identify any research or instructional experiences that may qualify them to lead courses for division majors or assist full time faculty with higher level courses.

Graduate Research Assistantships: GRAs will be assigned to support faculty research projects. The intent of GRA positions is to provide research support for division faculty and to give students in-depth research training as future independent scholars. Applicants should describe all past research experiences, and identify the research programs of division faculty with which they find overlap with the applicant’s career aspirations (http://coe.wayne.edu/kinesiology/faculty.php).

Students often rotate between GRAs and GTAs over the course of their studies. Assistantships are 9-month positions with opportunities for additional spring/summer employment, and include a salary stipend (approximately $18,000, comprehensive health and dental benefits, and full tuition waiver). Applicants must have completed the Ph.D. application for either Kinesiology track: https://cardinal.wayne.edu/apply/gr.php Students can apply for assistantship positions by emailing the following: detailed cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to Heather Ladanyi at eb3703@wayne.edu