Faculty Employment Opportunity

Job no: #501751
Work type: Visiting Faculty
Location: Sonoma
Categories: Temporary, Full Time, Visiting Faculty, Unit 3 CFA – California Faculty Association

Department of Kinesiology
(Visiting Faculty) Assistant Professor

Starting August 2021

Our Commitment

Guided by our core values, Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, cognitive, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We are fully committed to the rights of students, staff and faculty with disabilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

The University

Sonoma State University’s beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9,000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

Faculty Responsibilities

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in service to the department, school, and community. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in our distinctive, high-impact Freshman and Sophomore year...
programs and to foster our commitment to the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 through excellent teaching, advising, and mentoring. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the University’s Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Policy. Aligned with the California Faculty Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, during the first 2 years of the probationary period the instructional assignment will be reduced by 2 courses per academic year. All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.

The Department

The Department of Kinesiology is housed within the School of Science & Technology and offers a cross-disciplinary curriculum that addresses human movement across the life span from sociocultural, biological/physical, behavioral, and humanistic perspectives, with attention given to the unique and common needs of all people in a wide variety of contexts and conditions. The recently revised curriculum prepares graduates to apply kinesiological principles to the acquisition, performance, and refinement of motor skills and to the use of physical activity as educative tool and medium for fitness and wellness.

To promote academic excellence, the Department actively recruits students from a range of backgrounds, including but not limited to local community college students, first generation college students, dual language learners/students, and Pell eligible individuals. We encourage applications from individuals whose backgrounds or interests align with this commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The Department of Kinesiology serves approximately 360 majors, who follow one of three concentrations: Exercise Science/pre-Physical Therapy, Interdisciplinary/pre-Occupational Therapy, and Lifetime Physical Activity: Fitness and Wellness. The Department provides students with a broad interdisciplinary understanding of human movement. Our graduates work as teachers, fitness and wellness coaches, allied health professionals, and pursue graduate degrees. Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department’s Web page at: http://kinesiology.sonoma.edu/

Duties of the Position

The Department of Kinesiology invites applications for a visiting assistant professor position in Biomechanics to begin August 2021. This is a one-year, non-tenure track position. The duties of the position fall under three categories: Teaching; Scholarship, Research and Creative Achievement; and Service.

Teaching
• Teach approximately 12 weighted teaching units of lecture and laboratory
• Primary teaching responsibility will be KIN 350, Biomechanics, an upper-division core course in the major
• Additional teaching responsibilities may include lower division introductory or general education courses such as Personal Fitness and Wellness and Foundations of Kinesiology or concentration courses like Exercise Instruction.
• Instruction may be in-person, hybrid and/or online

Scholarship, Research and Creative Achievement
• Initiate and maintain a line of research in Biomechanics or a closely related field
• Engage, supervise, and mentor undergraduates in kinesiology research projects

Service
• Advise upper-division kinesiology undergraduates
• Assist with departmental administrative and committee work
• Participate in program assessment

Professional Qualifications
• Ph.D. in biomechanics or a closely related field (ABD considered; Ph.D. required at time of appointment, August 2021)
• Expertise in one or more of the following areas is desired; however, exceptional candidates with expertise in different areas, including, but not limited to those below, will be given serious consideration.
  a) biomechanical examination of human movement across the lifespan,
  b) applying biomechanical analysis to the development of musculoskeletal injury and degenerative disease,
  c) identifying injury mechanisms associated with dynamic movements and developing training and rehabilitation programs aimed at preventing injury,
  d) balance and mobility in individuals with special needs such as older adults
  e) neuromuscular function
• Demonstrated excellence or promise teaching lower- and upper-division kinesiology courses
• Evidence of the ability to develop a line of research that has included – or has the potential to include – undergraduates

Preferred Qualifications
• Experience with online or hybrid instruction and a learning management system
• Prior experience teaching at the university-level

Rank and Salary
The rank is Assistant Professor. The salary for this position is: $70,000.

Required* Application Materials
• Cover Letter*
• Curriculum Vitae*
• Statement of Research Interest*
• Diversity Statement* (briefly [1-page maximum] discuss your experiences working with individuals from diverse backgrounds)
• Teaching Philosophy*
• Student Evaluations of Teaching (Optional)

Official transcripts will be required at the time of hire. Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility
to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU.

Application Deadline

Applications received by **August 6, 2021** will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:
Search Committee Chair: Dr. Lauren Morimoto
Email: morimoto@sonoma.edu

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to:
Faculty Affairs Department
Facultysearch@sonoma.edu

The ADA Coordinator is also available (hrleaves@sonoma.edu) to assist individuals with disabilities in need of accommodation during the hiring process.

Other Information

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

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