



Position Announcement
Research Assistant Professor in Recreation
Joint Position between the Public Lands Institute and the Department of Recreation
and Sport Management

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (www.unlv.edu) invites applications for a Research Assistant Professor position jointly held in the UNLV Public Lands Institute and the Department of Recreation and Sport Management, College of Hotel Administration. This position is primarily externally funded through the Institute and is full-time, 12-month, non-tenure-track and renewable if funded. It is available immediately and is currently funded for three years.

Responsibilities:

For the Public Lands Institute, the research assistant professor will provide research, management, and coordination to meet the deliverables of task agreements focused on volunteerism on federal lands in southern Nevada that are managed by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The research assistant professor in a team environment will be responsible for successfully completing task agreement deliverables, managing projects, tracking project expenditures and progress, writing quarterly and annual reports and others as needed, gathering and synthesizing data, coordinating and facilitating meetings, and providing technical assistance to the agencies regarding volunteerism and marketing concepts or directions to increase the number and hours for volunteers. The faculty member would establish a research agenda complimenting all aspects of the interagency task agreements, provide theoretical and practitioner-based research, prepare peer-reviewed publications, and professional and community-based presentations. The position requires working closely with multiple private, local, state and federal agencies and university faculty that have interests in volunteerism in southern Nevada and requires fostering working relationships between these institutions and individuals. Tasks involve working with interagency groups to recruit, train, recognize and recognize the interagency volunteer force; develop, refine and manage the volunteer program database and web site; evaluate and revise standard operating procedures; identify grant and donation opportunities and make progress toward expanding such resources. Addition responsibilities include working with the interagency "Take Pride in America" public lands clean-up and anti-litter marketing program and the interagency "Cultural Site Stewardship" program with a focus on research-based strategic planning and marketing. As a member of the Public

Lands Institute, the faculty member is expected to participate in staff meeting and public outreach activities on behalf of the institute.

For the Department of Recreation and Sport Management, the research assistant professor will teach one or more courses per year assigned from, but not limited to, undergraduate Recreation program and/or the Master of Science in Sport and Leisure Service Management, and the College of Hotel Administration doctoral program. The faculty member will be expected to be committed to teaching excellence; develop a rigorous externally funded research program that complements the interagency programs and management on the federal lands; publish research in scholarly peer-reviewed literature; mentor graduate students as a committee member or chair of their theses or professional papers, and engage in appropriate levels of service at in the department, college, university, and community as well as within the profession.

Minimum Required Qualifications: Candidate must have a doctoral degree from an accredited college or university, preferably in outdoor recreation, natural and cultural resource management, forest recreation, natural resource communication, natural resource planning, or closely related field. Demonstrated experience in managing, developing, and/or conducting scientific research projects applicable in part to resource management.

Preferred Qualifications: Experience in a comparable professional position; management experience on large projects; teaching experience; experience interacting with federal agencies; research experience on federally managed land; familiarity with contracted research, deliverables and budgets; and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively on projects both as a leader and a team member.

Desired Characteristics: Candidate should also address how they meet the following:

- Skill and experience in facilitating meetings, discussions, and recording of outcomes or pending actions;
- Excellent writing, communication, organizational, interpersonal, and computer skills;
- Experience in building, strengthening, and sustaining collaborative relationships among diverse stakeholder groups;
- Experience writing proposals for externally funded research projects;
- Demonstrated ability to analyze situations, data trends, and apply to decision-making and planning;
- Ability to adjust the coordinator's role (for instance moving from leader to facilitator to team member) based on the involvement with varying agencies, individuals, and teams;
- Demonstrated research record including scholarly publications, grants, and professional activities.

Review of applications will commence immediately and will continue until the position is closed. Salary is competitive and contingent upon the labor market.

Applications: Application materials must include a (1) current and complete resume, (2) detailed cover letter, and (3) the name, address, telephone, and email address of 3 - 5 professional references. In the cover letter, applicants should fully describe qualifications and experience as they relate to this position, since the initial review will serve to evaluate applicants based on documented, relevant qualifications, and work experience. Materials are to be submitted via on-line application only at <https://hrsearch.unlv.edu>. For assistance with UNLV's on-line applicant portal, contact Jen Martens at (702) 895-3886 or email hrsearch@unlv.edu. For more information, see the UNLV website <http://unlv.edu> or the Public Lands Institute website at <http://publiclands/unlv.edu>.