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Position: The Department of Kinesiology & Sport Management (KNSM) (<https://knsn.tamu.edu>) within the within the School of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University (effective August 15, 2024, the School of Education and Human Development will change its name to the College of Education and Human Development) at Texas A&M University is accepting applications for two (2) full-time, tenure-track faculty positions at the Assistant Professor level. We are seeking candidates who are well versed in motor neuroscience capable of conducting independent basic or translational research. Candidates will be emerging scholars capable of advancing a solid research agenda to advance the Department's strong and expanding research portfolio. The candidates will become an integral part of the Division of Kinesiology's faculty, with expectations to engage in research efforts including interdisciplinary collaborations, aggressively seek funding opportunities, provide research mentorship for graduate and undergraduate students, as well as teach graduate/undergraduate courses.

About the Department of KNSM at Texas A&M University: KNSM is the largest academic department at Texas A&M University and is the home to two academic program areas, Kinesiology and Sport Management, and one applied program area, Physical Education Activity Program. Our ~100 faculty and 36 staff members provide education to over 2,300 undergraduate students and about 250 graduate students. The mission of the Department of KNSM at Texas A&M University is to contribute to the quality of life of the citizens of the state, nation, and world, through the creation and dissemination of knowledge, training of educators and professionals, and service to the community and profession. KNSM focuses on research, training, and services related to the science and benefits of human movement, sport, health, and wellness. The program was recently ranked 9th in the United States and among the top 50 internationally. Our graduate programs were ranked 2nd and 3rd (unadjusted and adjusted for faculty size, respectively) by the National Academy of Kinesiology in 2023.

Qualifications: Candidates will hold a doctoral degree in Kinesiology or related academic discipline relevant to motor neuroscience, have a strong record of research and publications, and a clear plan to secure external funding. Post-doctoral experience is highly valued. Previous scholarship addressing human motor development across the lifespan or motor learning and control utilizing neural physiological tools such as EEG, fMRI, and/or fNIRS is highly encouraged.

Responsibilities: Candidates are expected to research, teach courses within the kinesiology program, and mentor undergraduate and graduate students. This typically involves maintaining 50% research, 40% teaching, 10% service load. Successful candidates will be responsible for meeting department, school, and university service expectations.

Appointment: Nine-month tenure-track position with a start date of August 1, 2025. Salary, benefits and compensation packages are competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Competitive startup packages are available to establish a productive research environment.

Location: Texas A&M is housed within the twin cities of College Station and Bryan, with a combined population of nearly 275,000, and conveniently located at the center of the triangle formed by Dallas,



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Houston, and Austin metropolitan areas. The area boasts a low cost of living, a sunbelt environment, and is consistently ranked among the best places to live in the country. Texas A&M is a flagship land grant, sea grant, and space grant university. Texas A&M is ranked 23rd in the nation for research expenditures by the National Science Foundation and is ranked #1 in Texas and #6th among all public universities in the nation by the Wall Street Journal. Texas A&M is also a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, one of only 71 research institutions with this distinction. Texas A&M is the largest university in Texas with more than 70,000 students and faculty on the College Station campus. Texas A&M strives to be a welcoming institution to people of all backgrounds. Home of the 12th Man, Texas A&M is a member of the Southeastern Conference with more than 650 Texas A&M student-athletes competing at the NCAA Division 1-A level in 20 varsity sports.

Application Instructions: Applications are only accepted online at Interfolio Position ID#: <http://apply.interfolio.com/150677>. The position is open until filled. Review of applications will begin immediately upon submission.

Application Instructions:

- Cover letter highlighting the applicant's qualifications for this position.
- Current, comprehensive curriculum vitae.
- A Personal Statement: Your 3-page statement should include your philosophy and plans for research, teaching, and service as applicable.
- The name, address (including e-mail) and telephone numbers of three references.

Review Date: Review of candidates will begin on September 16, 2024 until filled, with an expected start date of August 1, 2025.

If you have any questions about the search, please contact Dr. Deanna Kennedy (hpdmk@tamu.edu), Search Committee Chair.

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