



Graduate Teaching Assistantship (Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Studies)

Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy
The Patton College of Education
Ohio University

The graduate program in Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies at Ohio University is seeking qualified candidates to fill multiple Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) positions while pursuing a Master of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies with a concentration in Outdoor Recreation and Education. The Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies Program is designed to prepare students to work in the areas of outdoor recreation and education, ecotourism and adventure travel, collegiate recreation, administration of park and recreation facilities and programs, and university teaching. The program combines coursework and practical learning experiences to deliver a strong experientially-based graduate program. Taking advantage of the close proximity of Ohio University to several world-class outdoor recreation resources (e.g., the New River Gorge, Seneca Rocks, the Red River Gorge, among others), the Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies Program has developed a distinctive focus in outdoor recreation and education, which has been a hallmark of the program for over three decades.

Position Description:

This is a nine-month term appointment requiring a commitment of 20 hours/week, including office hours. The successful candidate will be responsible for (1) teaching skills-based courses in the undergraduate curriculum in outdoor recreation & education, (2) assisting in the management and maintenance of program equipment and supplies, (3) maintaining appropriate risk management records, (4) providing general service to the Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies Program, and (5) serving as a positive role model for undergraduate students. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate in a GTA orientation program prior to the start of the academic year in August. University-wide

Qualifications:

- The ability to teach in one or more of the following areas: wilderness living skills, winter wilderness living skills, wilderness navigation, rock climbing, caving, mountain biking, coastal kayaking, whitewater kayaking, whitewater canoeing, and whitewater rafting.
- Evidence of expertise in leading adventure programs.
- Commitment to quality undergraduate education.
- Commitment to diversity.
- Wilderness First Responder (must obtain prior to and keep current for the duration of employment).

Starting Date: August of the appointed academic year.

Salary and Benefits: GTAs receive a full tuition waiver, plus a stipend of \$13,000.

Applications and Inquiries: Prior to being considered for a GTA position, a student must be accepted into the Graduate College. To apply for admission into the Graduate College, go to <http://www.ohio.edu/graduate> and complete the online application process. You must also complete an application for the GTA position, including a letter of application, a professional resume, an expedition resume, a list of three references, and copies of all professional certifications. Visit the following site to submit your application materials:

https://ohio.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ixeIeqHjP75Nc1. Questions concerning the position and/or how to apply should be directed to Dr. Andrew Szolosi at szolosi@ohio.edu.