

Graduate Research Assistant/PhD Student
Physical Activity/Mental Health
Physical Activity Research in Community Settings (PARCS) Laboratory
Department of Kinesiology
Kansas State University

Position Description: A graduate research assistant / PhD student is sought to assist with research in the Physical Activity Research in Community Settings (PARCS) Lab in the area of physical activity and mental health. The successful application will contribute to a research program focused on the effects of park-based physical activity on mental and physical health outcomes among adults with serious mental illness. In addition, the successful candidate will be provided with opportunities for independent research, grant writing, teaching and mentoring of undergraduate student research. Funding includes yearly stipend and tuition and may be available for up to three years.

Required Qualifications:

- BA/BS in Kinesiology, Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, or a closely related field
- Excellent organizational skills
- Experience with data-based computer programs (e.g., Excel, SPSS, NVivo, Dedoose)

Preferred Qualifications:

- MS/MA/MPH in Kinesiology, Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, or a closely related field
- Supervisory experience
- Research experience including basic data analysis (using SPSS, NVivo, Dedoose)
- Experience conducting fitness and health assessments
- Familiarity and/or experience teaching fitness classes
- NCCA-accredited fitness certification (ACSM, ACE, NETA, NSCA)

How to apply:

GRA position – Email a letter addressing the qualifications listed above, along with a detailed resume/vita outlining qualifications and experience, and the names and contact information of three references to:

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Website: <https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/kines/research/parcs/>

PHD Program – Please see <https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/kines/academics/graduate/kinphd.html>

Review of applications begins July 11, 2022 and continues until the position is filled. The expected start date is August 2022.