

MS Graduate Assistantship Available Community Health and Wellness

Summary: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) is accepting applications for a two-year masters level graduate assistantship that will begin in August 2016. The assistantship is funded by a grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) Foundation. The grant supports the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association (NCRPA) Wellness Initiative. The successful applicant will provide staff support to various projects and initiatives during the two year term. While the primary focus will be on the NCRPA Wellness initiative, the graduate assistant will also support staff with ongoing workshops, projects, and office operations. Additionally, the graduate assistant will have the opportunity to work with the program and marketing manager to propose and develop new programs or projects.

Key Responsibilities: To promote and disseminate the Wellness Toolkit, Wellness Bulletin, E-News Wellness Updates, research latest trends, policy and innovations in wellness as they relate to recreation and parks; and assist with Wellness Workshop and Wellness Webinars.

Additional Responsibilities: Support staff with workshops and events including the annual NCRPA Conference, regional and sectional workshops, meetings, special events, and studies. Additionally, the executive director or program and marketing manager may assign additional projects and duties as needed.

Qualifications: The successful candidate must pursue a MS degree in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management and must have strong interest in the role of public parks and recreation in health and wellness. It is expected that the student's masters thesis will align with some aspect of health and wellness. Candidates for the assistantship must meet [admission standards](#) and be fully admitted to the PRTM masters program. Candidates must have highly positive recommendations from previous positions. Prior experience in community parks and recreation or health wellness programs is desirable.

Stipend: The assistantship provides an annual stipend of \$16,500 for two years along with health insurance and tuition. *To apply, applicants must submit an [online application](#) to the NC State Graduate School and must indicate in the personal statement that they are applying for the **Community Health and Wellness Graduate Assistantship**.* Applications received by June 30, 2016 will receive full consideration. Questions about the assistantship can be sent to Dr. Yu-Fai Leung, Director of Graduate Programs (leung@ncsu.edu).

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