

Texas A&M University
Department of Recreation Park and Tourism Sciences

Assistant Professor, Coastal Tourism and Hospitality
Tenure Track

The Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University invites applications for an Assistant Professor position with a 55% appointment at Texas A&M, College Station and 45% appointment with Texas A&M Galveston.

Qualifications: Candidates must have an earned doctorate at the time of appointment in an appropriate social science discipline. Candidates should have demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching and research, enjoy working on interdisciplinary teams, and have the capacity to apply disciplinary knowledge to tourism and/or hospitality problems. Preference will be given to individuals with education and/or experience in coastal hospitality and/or tourism marketing, management, planning or economics and who have strong evidence of an ongoing research program, and prior teaching experience in tourism and/or hospitality.

Duties: Responsibilities will likely include: teaching three appropriate undergraduate and/or graduate courses in Tourism and/or Hospitality per year; serving on graduate student committees; and serving on departmental, college, and university committees at a level appropriate to the expectations for an assistant professor. The successful candidate will also be responsible for an extension/outreach program delivering hospitality training across the state of Texas; online tourism/hospitality courses taught at both A&M College Station and Galveston; and developing an outstanding research and outreach program in hospitality and/or tourism. Specific expertise in coastal tourism and hospitality marketing, management, planning or economics is desired, though all tourism-related areas of expertise will be considered. The successful candidate will be housed at Texas A&M College Station, while also teaching students in Galveston through online tourism/hospitality course offerings.

Appointment: The successful candidate will have a 10-month tenure-track teaching, research and extension appointment. Salary will be commensurate with rank and qualifications and additional months of salary devoted to extension duties may be negotiated. The anticipated start date is Fall 2017.

Application: Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of research interest, sample publications, names and contact information of three references and other supporting materials to:

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Review Date: Initial review of applications will begin April 14, 2017 and will continue until position is filled.

Texas A&M University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and staff committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and covered veterans.

The Texas A&M University System is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Texas A&M University is internationally recognized for its leadership in teaching, research and public service and is dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge in many diversified academic and professional fields. Established in 1876 as the state's first public institution of higher education, the University has an historic commitment to fulfill its mission as a land-grant/sea-grant/space-grant institution. Texas A&M is the home of the George Bush Presidential Library. Texas A&M University is committed to academic excellence and diversity. The University is located in College Station, which, combined with the twin city of Bryan, forms a metropolitan community of approximately 200,000 people with high-quality amenities and a low cost of living. In addition to excellent health, education, and recreation services, the community affords a rich variety of cultural activities typical of a major university environment, including museums, music, art, theater, and sports.

Texas A&M University is part of the Texas A&M University System, which consists of seven universities, and eight state agencies that educate more than 140,000 students and reach 22 million people each year through its service mission. The System employs almost 24,000 full-time faculty and staff members located throughout the state, serving all 254 counties. Among the state agencies associated with the system are the Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Texas A&M University enrolls approximately 61,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students at its 5,200-acre College Station campus. Approximately 7,800 of these students are pursuing graduate and professional education in more than 120-degree programs. More than half of Texas A&M's entering freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes. The University is sixth in the nation in enrollment of new National Merit Scholars, ranks fifth among public institutions in endowment funding, ranks fifth in research and development expenditures, and twelfth in awarding the most earned doctorates. Texas A&M also has more than 700 recognized student organizations that offer a multitude of student leadership experiences.

The **Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences** is one of the preeminent programs in the United States. Located within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Department currently offers a B.S. degree with a major in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, and specializations in: (a) parks and conservation, (b) community recreation and park administration, (c) tourism management and (d) youth development along with certificates in event management and hospitality management. Also offered are M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in these and related specialization areas. Approximately 400 students are enrolled in the undergraduate programs and 80 students are enrolled in the graduate program. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in which the Department is organizationally located enrolls over 7,000 students in its 14 departments.

The Department has a distinguished and productive faculty. The Department has a total of 30 faculty members. Besides being known for its excellent teaching, advising and internship program, the Department also has one of only a select few TAMU Distinguished Professors and also is home to the Bradberry Chair for Youth Development, an interdisciplinary Youth Development Initiative and is actively involved in the interdisciplinary Applied Biodiversity Program. These resources allow for continued breakthroughs through collaborative approaches involving scientists from diverse fields, community partners and policy makers.