

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND EVENT MANAGEMENT
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

THE SEARCH

The Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management (THEM) at the University of Florida (UF) invites applications for a faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Event Management. The successful candidate will work closely with the Chair and THEM faculty members to develop a cutting-edge curriculum, enhance the undergraduate experience, grow bachelor's and master's enrollment, and enrich the doctoral program of the Department. The search committee strongly encourages applications and nominations of women and persons of underrepresented groups.

THEM prepares students to gain competency in industry knowledge, develop intellectual abilities, and foster adaptive and technical leadership skills. The Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute is housed within the Department and provides an internationally recognized research and education network of researchers and the tourism industry. The assistant professor in event management will join a department of talented faculty who lead internationally recognized research programs centered on hospitality analytics, crisis management, sustainability, and/or sport and event tourism at local, national, and international venues.

The University of Florida campus is located “where nature and culture meet”—in the city of Gainesville, which is repeatedly cited as one of the top places to live in the U.S. The University of Florida is ranked #6 in public Universities in the U.S. The state of Florida has a dynamic hospitality and tourism industry that receives more than 100 million visitors annually. The Department is uniquely situated to nurture a trove of beneficial partnerships for event management across the state.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The candidate will be expected to demonstrate many, if not all, of the following qualifications and experience:

- An earned doctorate (or terminal degree) in Event Management or related field
- Excellent teaching and communication skills, both oral and written; clear devotion to students and the missions of higher education
- Festival planning, event analytics and AI applications in the discipline, event/hospitality management, and operation are preferred
- A commitment to enhancing and nourishing a cultural climate that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets of the Department
- Rich industry experiences and connections, including a record in working in the event, hospitality, tourism, or attraction industries
- A rising scholar who displays professional integrity and collegiality.

This is a 9-month, fulltime (1.0 FTE) position that begins August 16, 2021. UF has a competitive benefits package, and department faculty may be eligible for summer salary. Interested applicants must apply online at <https://jobs.ufl.edu> (reference job 65033) and include (1) an application letter summarizing qualifications, ongoing research, and interest in the Department of Tourism Hospitality and Event Management; (2) a curriculum vitae; and (3) names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of five references. The search committee will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue to receive applications until the position is filled; however, *to receive full consideration, complete applications must be received by **December 1, 2020***. Send inquiries and nominations to Dr. Heather Gibson Search Committee Chair, at hgibson@hhp.ufl.edu.

The final candidate will be required to provide official transcripts to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at <http://www.naces.org/>.

We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity, inclusivity, and excellence of the academic community. UF is committed to non-discrimination with respect to race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status in all aspects of employment including recruitment, hiring, promotions, transfers, discipline, terminations, wage and salary administration, benefits, and training. The selection process will be conducted in accordance with Florida's 'Government in the Sunshine' and Public Records Laws. Call (352)392-2HRS or the Florida Relay System at (800) 955-8771 (TDD) if a disability accommodation is needed to apply.

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