

University of Florida
Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management
Lecturer in Event Management (non-tenure track position)

Description:

The Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management at the University of Florida (UF) invites applications and nominations for one full-time, non-tenure-earning Lecturer/Instructional Assistant Professor in Event Management.

Lecturer in Event Management (non-tenure track position): The University of Florida (UF) (<http://www.ufl.edu>) invites applications and nominations for a lecturer position in the Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management (<http://hhp.ufl.edu/about/departments/them/>).

THEM seeks a faculty member with substantial event/hospitality and entertainment industry experience who can effectively bridge classroom instruction with real-world applications and workforce preparation. This position is expected to significantly strengthen undergraduate recruitment, student retention, and industry partnerships.

The primary responsibility of this position is to teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses in Event and Entertainment Management, Applied Industry Leadership, Hospitality Human Resources, and Food and Beverage Management. Given the continued growth of the undergraduate Event Management program, immediate instructional needs are anticipated in Lodging Operations and Management, Branding Strategies, Theme Parks and Entertainment, Event Venue Sales and Services, and Advanced Strategic Event Management.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute to both residential and online courses and program development. As a Lecturer in Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management, the successful candidate will play a key role in expanding the program's outreach by cultivating and maintaining strong relationships with industry stakeholders and partners. The faculty member will provide career guidance and mentorship to students and actively participate in service activities at the program, department, college, and university levels. The successful applicant will be afforded opportunities and support to broaden their teaching portfolio, develop innovative coursework, and contribute to the continued advancement and growth of the department's academic programs.

Qualifications:

- An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) or Juris Doctor (J.D.) in a relevant field is required. Candidates with substantial industry experience in event planning and management, resort operations, and corporate settings will receive strong consideration.
- Candidates should demonstrate a passion for teaching and student success, along with a strong commitment to instructional excellence.
- Candidates should possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills and demonstrate the ability to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders within the local community and throughout the State of Florida.
- Candidates should also have considerable knowledge and experience working with online course development and delivery.

Application Instructions:

The review of applications will begin on **October 30, 2026**. Interested applicants must apply online at <https://jobs.ufl.edu/> (**reference job #541178**) and **include:** (1) a letter of application summarizing the applicant's qualifications, teaching experience, and interest in the Department; (2) a curriculum vitae; and (3) names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three references. This 9-month, full-time (1.0 FTE) position will begin **January 01, 2027**, and is renewable on a yearly basis. UF has a competitive benefits package, and department faculty may be eligible for summer teaching opportunities, but not guaranteed.

Please send email inquiries or nominations to **Dr. Svetlana Stepchenkova, Chair of the Search Committee**, at: svetlana.step@hhp.ufl.edu.

Selected candidate will be required to provide official transcript 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 educational institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluations Services (NACES) and can be found at <http://www.ncas.org>.

About the University:

The University of Florida is the state's oldest, largest, and most comprehensive land grant university. UF is a member of the Association of American Universities, an organization comprising the top public and private institutions in North America. UF is ranked #7 of Public Universities in the United States by the U.S. News & World Report. With an enrollment of over 53,000 students annually, UF is home to 16 colleges and more than 200 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes. Thousands of projects were funded, with a record \$928.6 million in research awards to the University of Florida for the last fiscal year. UF is located in Gainesville, a city of approximately 250,000 residents in North-Central Florida, 85 miles from the Georgia border, 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and 67 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It has abundant wildlife, mature forests, prairies, lakes, and opportunities for many outdoor activities, with moderate temperatures almost all year round. Gainesville has an excellent school system, with a number of public schools ranked highly in the state and nation.

Our Commitment

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The University is committed to nondiscrimination 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 “government in the sunshine” laws of Florida require that all documents relating to the search process, including letters of application/nomination and reference, be available for public inspection.

If accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida's Sunshine Law.