SCHOOL OF
**PUBLIC HEALTH**
Indiana University Bloomington

Chair and Tenured Faculty Position
**Department of Sport Management, Tourism, and Recreation**
Indiana University School of Public Health – Bloomington

The Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington (SPH-B) invites applications for the position of **Chair and Tenured Professor** in the **Department of Sport Management, Tourism and Recreation.** We are seeking an accomplished and collaborative leader with a strong record of research, academic leadership, and administration who is excited by the opportunity to shape the future of a newly formed department and champion the success of its faculty, staff, and students.

We seek candidates who bring multidisciplinary perspectives, intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to excellence in research, teaching, service, and mentorship. The successful candidate will help advance an ambitious vision for a department positioned at the intersection of sport, tourism, recreation, health, and human well-being. This **12-month** appointment would ideally start **July 1, 2027**, although an earlier or later start date is negotiable. Applications received by **November 30, 2026**, will receive full priority consideration, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

This position presents a rare opportunity to lead a newly formed department with established strengths, outstanding faculty, and strong momentum. The next chair will play a pivotal role in shaping the department's identity, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, expanding its impact, and advancing excellence across its teaching, research, and service missions.

A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) since 1909, Indiana University Bloomington (IUB) prides itself in offering outstanding academics grounded in world-class research and vibrant campus life. The School of Public Health-Bloomington, located on the university's flagship campus, includes more than 160 faculty members across five departments. The newly formed **Department of Sport Management, Tourism and Recreation** maintains strong connections across the School of Public Health-Bloomington and throughout Indiana University. Although newly formed, the department brings together established programs with more than 80 years of collective history and accomplishment. Given robust enrollment growth, SPH-B has recently been engaged in a major faculty hiring initiative and is launching another wave of faculty recruitment, including this search for an innovative and visionary chair who will help define the department's next chapter and elevate its national and international impact.

**Responsibilities:** The chair will provide inspirational and practical leadership for research, teaching, and service; manage the budget and secure financial resources to meet program objectives; actively assist with fundraising activities; represent the department on external committees and to groups; oversee operations of the department's undergraduate and graduate teaching including the recruitment and mentorship of outstanding faculty, staff, and students; and facilitate productive interaction among faculty, staff, students, and alumni. It is expected that the successful candidate will work closely with the dean to further the school's goals and mission related to teaching, research, and service.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must hold a doctoral degree in a closely related field within **sport management, recreation, tourism management and/or recreational therapy**. A background through education and/or experience in public health will be seen as an advantage in this role. Candidates must also demonstrate a record of scholarly achievement appropriate for a senior career level, including evidence of high-quality teaching, research, and curriculum development. The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to build consensus, inspire excellence, foster a positive and inclusive culture, and bring people together around a shared vision for the department's future. The candidate is expected to be appointed as a tenured professor. Finally, candidates are expected to reside in Bloomington, Indiana, to permit full engagement with the department, school, campus, and community.

**About IUB:** Founded in 1820, Indiana University Bloomington (IUB) is the flagship campus of Indiana University and has been a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) since 1909. Indiana University Bloomington prides itself in offering outstanding academics grounded in world class research and vibrant campus life. Located in Bloomington, IN, IUB strives to embody its mission to create, disseminate, preserve, and apply knowledge. It does so through its commitments to cutting-edge research, scholarship, arts, and creative activity; inspired and challenging undergraduate, graduate, professional, and lifelong educational programs; meaningful experiences outside the classroom; expansive global educational opportunities; first-rate library and museum collections; and far-reaching economic development and impact in the state and region. Indiana University Bloomington is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The campus enrolls more than 48,000 students and is home to 16 degree-granting schools and colleges. IU Bloomington offers more than 200 undergraduate majors as well as extensive graduate and professional study opportunities, including more than 90 master's degrees and more than 80 Ph.D. programs. Known for its Indiana limestone facades and green spaces throughout, IU Bloomington is widely considered one of the country's most beautiful college campuses. For more information about Indiana University Bloomington, visit https://bloomington.iu.edu/.

**About SPH-B:** The School of Public Health-Bloomington (SPH-B) is located in the heart of the Bloomington campus and comprises five collaborative academic departments with 300 faculty and staff. Indiana University provides IU SPH-B faculty outstanding teaching and research support through programs like the Faculty Academy on Excellence in Teaching (F.A.C.E.T.); extensive research development and research administrative support through the Office of the Vice President for Research; and innovative collaborations with organizations such as the NCAA, the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana University Athletic Department, the US National Park Service, and a wealth of local, national, and international partners to broaden the scope of the faculty and student experience. SPH-B continues its rapid expansion embracing a comprehensive and holistic approach to promoting health and wellbeing within the research, teaching, and service aspects of our mission. With an emphasis on high-quality, impactful research, excellence in teaching, and meaningful service, there has never been a more exciting time to join our growing and evolving team. For more information about the School of Public Health – Bloomington, visit https://www.publichealth.indiana.edu/.

**About Bloomington:** Nestled in the rolling hills of south-central Indiana, and home to 85,000 residents, the city of Bloomington offers the feel of a college town with many of the amenities of a large city. From off-Broadway plays and musicals, the LOTUS World Festival of Music, quick access to 250,000 acres of public recreation lands, outstanding public schools and a reasonable cost of living, Bloomington offers much to all. For more information about Bloomington, IN, visit https://www.visitbloomington.com/.

**Application Procedure:** Please provide a (1) curriculum vitae and (2) cover letter no longer than 5 pages in length summarizing your qualifications and interest in the position, which includes a research statement and overview of research experience, and a statement of teaching interest and experience. If selected as a finalist, we will additionally request a list of up to six (6) references; references will be contacted if you are selected for a finalist interview and/or job offer. Interested candidates should submit applications at: https://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/34358.

Before a conditional offer of employment is finalized, candidates will be asked to disclose any pending investigations or previous findings of sexual or professional misconduct. They will also be required to authorize an inquiry by Indiana University Bloomington with all current and former employers along these lines. The relevance of information disclosed or ascertained in the context of this process to a candidate's eligibility for hire will be evaluated by Indiana University Bloomington on a case-by-case basis. Applicants should be aware, however, that Indiana University Bloomington takes the matters of sexual and professional misconduct very seriously.

Questions about the PeopleAdmin application procedure may be directed to Dave Archer at dwarcher@iu.edu or via postal mail at **Department of Sport Management, Tourism and Recreation** Search & Screen Committee, School Public Health–Bloomington, Indiana University, 1025 East 7th Street, Bloomington, IN 47405-4801. Questions regarding the position may be directed to Lisa Koontz, Director of Faculty Operations, lmkoontz@iu.edu, or Grace Sembajwe, Executive Associate Dean, gsembajw@iu.edu .

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