

Assistant or Associate Professor of Sport Management

Date of Hire:

Faculty position starting in August 2026.

Description:

Houghton University invites applications for a full-time, 9-month appointment in the Department of Sport, Recreation, and Wellness within the School of Management and Creative Arts, at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank. Tenure-track appointment will require a terminal degree. This appointment will begin in the fall semester of 2026 with a primary focus on Sport Administration/Management and a possible secondary emphasis on Physical Education and/or Recreation. This position directly supports the Sport, Recreation, and Wellness (SRWM) degree with focus areas in Athletic Administration and Sport Management, Health Promotion and Fitness, Equine-Assisted Therapies, Recreation, and Sports Ministry.

We are seeking candidates with a strong commitment to teaching and mentoring undergraduates, both inside and outside the classroom. Teaching responsibilities could include applied courses in the major and collaborative curriculum management in related minors. The SRWM Program is a growing program with a shifting emphasis toward sports administration/management therefore preference will be given to candidates with teaching expertise in areas of marketing, communication, law, finance, or event management. In addition to teaching, responsibilities will include advising undergraduate students; engaging in scholarly activity and research; providing service to the department, university, community, and the profession. Additional responsibilities include developing new courses and redesigning existing courses as needed and supervision of field experiences, internships, and experiential learning.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications

- Master's degree from an accredited college or university in Sport Management or Recreation, or a related field.
- Mature Christian faith.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment to excellence and creativity in undergraduate teaching.
- Commitment to integrating Christian faith into their teaching.
- Ability to help students form respectful attitudes and interactions with people who differ in abilities, attitudes, and cultural experience, with sensitivity to factors that affect our own assessment of others.
- An interest and willingness to support and mentor undergraduate students, including collaborative research.

Preferred qualifications:

- Candidates who are currently pursuing or already hold a terminal degree are preferred and will be eligible for tenure-track consideration.
- Experience teaching University-level sport and/or recreation management courses or closely related content.

- Ability to establish relationships with sports facilities, athletic programs, and professional sports organizations, to cultivate experiential learning opportunities for students including internship placements.
- Experience and credentials in Physical Education and/or Recreation.
- Engagement with students in developing and fostering community partnerships.
- Ability to organize and manage multiple priorities, and commitment to a positive, fun, and team-oriented work environment.

Starting salary will be dependent on the candidate's qualifications and experience. Additional opportunities for summer and overload compensation.

Anticipated Salary Range: \$43,000-\$56,000

Deadline:

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

To Apply:

Visit <http://www.houghton.edu/campus/human-resources/employment/faculty-openings/> and follow the PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS. For more information about Houghton University, visit www.houghton.edu. For questions related specifically to this position, contact Dr. Mark Borchert, Dean of Management and Creative Arts, mark.borchert@houghton.edu.

About Houghton

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