
Position Number: D93547
Job Title: Assistant Professor
Department: School of Community Health
FTE: 1.0 benefits eligible
Job Type: Tenure Track
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The School of Community Health in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University is seeking applications for an assistant (tenure-track) faculty position beginning Fall 2011. Responsibilities of the position include research, teaching, and service.

Candidates must have an earned doctorate (or be in the final stages of their degree) in public health or a related field. Candidates should have a teaching background, and a demonstrated promise to secure external funding. Candidates are encouraged to apply if they have research and teaching skills in one or more of the following areas: community health, program planning and evaluation, disease prevention, health care systems, health disparities, women's health, gerontology, and physical activity. Experience in community engagement and/or quantitative research skills is desirable.

Research responsibilities include seeking external funding for research related to public health, conducting funded research projects and preparing manuscripts for scholarly publications. Collaborative work with faculty in the School of Community Health, and throughout the College and University, is encouraged. Opportunities exist for partnerships with faculty at Oregon Health & Science University and Oregon State University, as well.

Instructional responsibilities include teaching and advising at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with involvement in the Oregon Master of Public Health Program, and the College's doctoral programs in Urban Studies and Public Administration and Policy.

The School of Community Health (<http://www.healthed.pdx.edu>) offers programs leading to degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The School offers an MPH degree as part of the Oregon Master of Public Health program (OMPH): a collaborative effort with Oregon Health & Science University and Oregon State University. The OMPH is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health, and ranked 2nd among community Health programs by *U.S. News and World Report* (2003). The School also offers MS/MA and BS/BA degrees, and participates in the College's Ph.D. programs. The School enrolls approximately 900 undergraduate and 100 graduate students, and has a core group of 15 faculty engaged in research in diverse areas such as food and nutrition, social inequality, welfare reform, suicide, aging, mass communication, hearing conservation, environmental health, obesity and physical activity.

The School of Community Health also houses the Institute on Aging. The Institute conducts applied research related to the issues, policies, and programs that affect elders and their families and offers degrees and certificates in gerontology for undergraduate, masters and doctoral students. Recent research projects have focused on family care giving, health behaviors, social relationships, long-term care, housing, fitness and exercise, Alzheimer's disease, transportation, aging and health services delivery and policy, and research methods. The College of Urban and Public Affairs has approximately 70 full-time faculty. Other Schools in the College are the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning. Other research and service units include the Center for Urban Studies, the Executive Leadership Institute, the National Policy Consensus Center, and the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies.

Portland State University is located in downtown Portland, the major urban center of Oregon. The University is centered on the tree-lined South Park Blocks, an extensive greenway through the center of town, and is surrounded by numerous cafes, pubs, and restaurants. Adjacent to the University is the Portland cultural district, home to the Portland Symphony, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, the Portland Art Museum, and the Northwest Film Center. The variety of outdoor activities convenient to the city is unsurpassed. Hiking, mountain biking, skiing, windsurfing, and kayaking are popular outdoor activities. The rugged Cascade and Coast mountain ranges provide hundreds of miles of trails.

The starting annual salary rate for this position will be dependent upon qualifications and experience, with an excellent benefits package including fully paid healthcare, a generous retirement package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependant at any of the Oregon University System schools.

This is a nine-month appointment. Applicants should submit a letter of application containing a brief background statement including research and teaching interest, the names and contact information for four professional references (name, title, email, telephone, and mailing address), and a curriculum vitae to:

Elizabeth Bull, Assistant to the Director,
School of Community Health,
Portland State University, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751.

Review of applications will begin September 1, 2010 and continue until finalists are identified. The anticipated start date is September 16, 2011.

For further information regarding the application process, please email bulle@pdx.edu. For questions specific to the position please contact Dr. Stephanie Farquhar at Farquhar@pdx.edu.