

**Position Announcement**  
**Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences**  
**Texas A&M University**

The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University is seeking to fill a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor rank beginning August 2017. Candidates must have scholarly interests in *children, youth and family contexts*. Candidates must have an earned doctorate in Parks & Recreation, Public Health, Human Development and Family Studies, Adolescent Development, Education, Adolescent/Developmental Psychology, or other closely-related discipline from an accredited institution. Desired qualifications include a demonstrated history of excellence in teaching, a record of scholarly productivity, a record of or potential for securing external funding, and the capacity to apply disciplinary knowledge to youth development in order to promote physical, social, emotional and/or cognitive development. Strength in quantitative, qualitative and/or mixed research methods is essential.

The position will support the growing Youth Development program in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences focusing on interdisciplinary research and graduate studies in areas concerned with understanding and promoting the well-being of children, youth, and families. The program currently teaches and mentors over 100 undergraduate students and 15 graduate students. Current faculty members engage in research that can directly inform practice and address the needs and strengths of children, adolescents, families, and policy-makers to promote overall health and well-being. The program faculty places a high value on collaboration both within the program and across disciplines.

Primary responsibilities for the position will include conducting and publishing research; teaching core youth development courses and coursework in the candidate's area of expertise; supervising graduate student research; and providing service to the department, college, university, community and profession. Position responsibilities, rank and salary are commensurate and negotiable based upon qualifications and experience. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for three references. Submissions should be sent to:

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Review of applications will begin **October 31, 2016** and continue until the position is filled.

*Texas A&M University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer committed to creating and maintaining a climate that affirms diversity of both persons and views, including differences in race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, socioeconomic background, religion, sexual orientation, and disability; veterans are encouraged to apply.*

**Texas A&M University** is internationally recognized for its leadership in teaching, research and public service and is dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge in many diversified academic and professional fields. Established in 1876 as the state's first public institution of higher education, the University has an historic commitment to fulfill its mission as a land-grant/sea-grant/space-grant institution located in College Station, Texas.

Texas A&M University is part of the Texas A&M University System, which consists of seven universities, and eight state agencies that serve more than 78,000 students and reach 3.5 million people each year through its service mission. The System employs almost 20,000 full-time faculty and staff members located throughout the state, serving all 254 counties. Among the state agencies associated with the system are the Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Texas A&M University enrolls approximately 67,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students at its 5,200-acre College Station campus. Approximately 7,800 of these students are pursuing graduate and professional education in more than 120-degree programs. More than half of Texas A&M's entering freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes. The University is sixth in the nation in enrollment of new National Merit Scholars, ranks fifth among public institutions in endowment funding, ranks fifth in research and development expenditures, and twelfth in awarding the most earned doctorates. Texas A&M also has more than 700 recognized student organizations that offer a multitude of student leadership experiences.

Texas A&M University is committed to academic excellence and employing quality faculty who will enhance the rich diversity of our academic community. A top priority is to create an environment which supports diversity campus wide and increases awareness of the globally connected world in which we live in for faculty, staff and students. To assist in meeting this priority, all university employees are held accountable for fostering an atmosphere in which individuals are treated with dignity and respect and are afforded equal treatment under the law.

The **Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences** is one of the preeminent programs in the United States. Located within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Department currently offers a B.S. degree with a major in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, and specializations in: (a) park and natural resources management, (b) recreation and park administration, (c) tourism and (d) youth development. Also offered are M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Approximately 450 students are enrolled in the undergraduate programs and 80 students are enrolled in the graduate program. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in which the Department is organizationally located enrolls over 6,500 students in its 14 departments, with more than 325 faculty.

The Department has a distinguished and productive faculty. The Department has a total of 30 faculty members. Besides being known for its excellent teaching, advising and internship program, the Department also has one of only a select few TAMU Distinguished Professors and also is home to the Bradberry Chair for Youth Development and the interdisciplinary Sequor Youth Development Initiative that is partnered with TAMU Extension. These resources allow for continued breakthroughs in understanding how to foster positive youth and family development through collaborative approaches involving scientists from diverse fields, community partners and policy makers. As a land grant institution with a strong tradition of links among basic and

applied research, outreach, and public policy, Texas A&M is well positioned to assume a national and international leadership role in this vital area.

The **local community** of College Station, which, combined with the twin city of Bryan, forms a metropolitan community of approximately 200,000 people with high-quality amenities and a low cost of living. The university is centrally located, approximately equidistant from three of the ten largest cities in the United States (Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio) and the state capital (Austin). In addition to excellent health, education, and recreation services, the community affords a rich variety of cultural activities typical of a major university environment, including recreational services, museums, music, art, theater, and sports.