

SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY, RECREATION & SPORT

Western Kentucky University (WKU) and the School of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport (KRS) is seeking a Graduate Assistant (GA) to work in the Undergraduate Sport Management Program (SPM) while pursuing a Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Administration (RSA). The GA will work with faculty in the undergraduate Sport Management Program at WKU to assist with preparing and teaching courses and researching in various areas that may include Sport Leadership, Esports Management, Athlete Development, Youth Sport Development, and Global Sport Issues. The GA will be required to complete the Graduate Assistant Teaching Institute (GATI) at WKU during their first semester in the position. Opportunities for research and service activities will be available as well.

This GA position is only available for fully admitted and enrolled students of the RSA program at WKU in the 2025-26 academic year. The nine-month position comes with a \$9,500 stipend in addition to a full tuition waiver for up to three courses per semester. The GA is expected to maintain enrollment during the academic year and must remain in good academic standing by maintaining a minimum GPA of a 3.0. Appointment to an assistantship is contingent upon admission into the graduate program and the programmatic needs of the School of KRS.

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is a student-centered, applied-research institution committed to providing its students with a transformative academic and social experience and to elevating its surrounding communities. Founded in 1906, WKU is the second largest undergraduate institution in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with approximately 15,567 students (29% first generation, 17% underrepresented minority) and nearly 2,600 faculty and staff employees.

Western Kentucky University is committed to empowering its campus community to embrace diversity by building equitable and inclusive learning, working, and living environments. At the heart of our mission, we seek to provide holistic education and employment experiences that prepare students, faculty, and staff to become effective scholars, contributors, and leaders in our diverse and evolving communities.

Located 65 miles north of Nashville, TN, and just over 100 miles south of Louisville, KY, WKU's main campus is in Bowling Green, KY–a city with approximately 70,000 residents. Our population is ethnically diverse, with more than 85 languages spoken in and around Bowling Green, and people from 35 nationalities call our community home.

To apply, fill out the <u>Kinesiology</u>, <u>Recreation and Sport Graduate Assistant Submission Form</u> by March 15, 2025. Applicants need to provide a cover letter, resume, and three references. The position will begin in August 2025. Please email Dr. Stacey Forsythe (<u>stacey.forsythe@wku.edu</u>) for more information.

About this position:

- Must be accepted into the <u>MS in Recreation and Sport Administration</u> program at WKU
- Assists the undergraduate Sport Management Faculty with teaching, research, program marketing, program recruitment, and other service activities.
- Receives tuition waiver for up to three courses per semester and a \$9,500 stipend
- Nine-month position; one-year appointment with possibility of continuance