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**Recreation, Park, and  
Tourism Management**

## ***Advertisement for prospective graduate student:***

### **Graduate Assistantship in Snowsports Education while seeking a Master's degree or Ph.D. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management in collaboration with Professional Ski Instructors of America – American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA-AASI)**

November 2018

#### **Research**

We are looking for an MSc/PhD student to undertake research on Snowsports Education as part of our ongoing collaboration and developments with PSIA-AASI. The research will draw on literature at the intersection of outdoor recreation and experiential learning.

The specifics of the research design will be developed by the student. We anticipate that the research will enhance snowsports education from the perspectives of educators and the public / students. Through the collaboration between PSU and PSIA-AASI there are extensive opportunities for research and collaboration across the eight divisions of PSIA-AASI and internationally. This presents unique opportunities for research which will contribute to enhancing knowledge and understanding of all five snowsports disciplines.

There are also extensive opportunities for collaborations on campus with different departments and research centres. The selected candidate will join the Kurt Hahn Consortium for Values and Experiential Learning – a research cluster in the department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management. The chair of the students committee will be Dr. Pete Allison. It is anticipated that the Education Director of PSIA-AASI will sit as a special member of the committee.

#### **Graduate Assistantship**

The assistantship for this research is for a 2-5 year period dependent on successful progress. The successful candidate will be a student in RPTM where they will work for 20 hours per week as a research and or teaching assistant. This will probably involve working on the alignment project with PSIA-AASI, curriculum development and teaching.

#### **Context**

The Department of Recreation Park and Tourism Management (RPTM) is a vibrant department within the College of Health and Human Development. Academics in the Department embrace



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a broad conception of all aspects of the fields they teach and research; as well as collaborate across the College and beyond which demonstrates their belief and commitment to interdisciplinary understandings.

#### **Candidate information**

- The successful candidate will be highly motivated and have a demonstrable interest and background in Snowsports. They will be articulate and capable of critical analysis of research and practice in Snowsports at all levels. Some travel may be required.
- The assistantship covers tuition fees and a generous stipend for 9 months of the year.
- We will begin seeking applicants during the fall of 2018, and the successful candidate will begin studies August 2019.
- Further information: Please direct questions to Dr Pete Allison [pra7@psu.edu](mailto:pra7@psu.edu)
- Application Procedure: For more information on Doctoral studies and Application Processes see: <http://hhd.psu.edu/rptm/graduate/application>