Chair, Department of Kinesiology

Temple University’s College of Public Health is leading a new movement to reimagine the future of public health. Through transdisciplinary research and interprofessional education, our students, staff, and faculty embrace public health as a catalyst for individual and community change in pursuit of the common good. The College seeks a creative and visionary Chair for its Department of Kinesiology. The Chair will build upon the Department’s strengths and guide its growth.

The Department of Kinesiology is currently home to a diverse body of students in undergraduate and graduate programs that include kinesiology, exercise and sports science, and neuromotor science. As part of the College’s emphasis on interdisciplinary education, the Departments of Kinesiology and Physical Therapy collaborate on a joint MS and PhD in Neuromotor Science. Athletic training programs and an undergraduate health professions major are currently housed in the department, but will be realigned in the coming year to a new configuration of rehabilitation science professions while maintaining strong ties with Kinesiology.

In addition to opportunities across the College, Kinesiology faculty have the opportunity to collaborate with research and clinical colleagues across Temple University, including the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, Temple University Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the College of Engineering. Current research in the Department is focused on traumatic brain injury, cardiovascular genomics, and neuromotor control. There is strong interest in developing new areas of research concentration within an overarching framework of Public Health to effectively manage disease and metabolic conditions, to include obesity, through physical activity and exercise.

Candidates should have a strong record of scholarship and external research funding, in addition to being an accomplished administrator who understands that personnel management, budgeting, and program development are critical to the development and advancement of an academic department. Applicants must have effective interpersonal communication skills and a commitment to the development of innovative research, faculty mentoring, and the integration of academic programming and clinical research. Candidates should hold a PhD in Kinesiology or a related discipline.

The College of Public Health has seen remarkable growth and organizational expansion in its programs and research profile. A constellation of nine academic units of public health, health profession, and social work disciplines, the College enrolls nearly 5,000 students in 43 academic programs in 20 disciplines. The Department of Kinesiology is an active participant in the College’s research portfolio that includes behavioral, social, and environmental inquiries, medical interventions, and basic science. The College has the highest level of extramural funding per faculty member and second highest amount of total research dollars among the 17 schools and colleges at Temple University. This work is sponsored by NIH and NSF, among other major funders. Particular research strengths include obesity, cancer, mental health, aphasia, HIV/AIDS, organ and tissue donation, and aging. In addition, a new Center focused on Community Engaged Research and Practice has recently been launched.

Temple University is an urban, research-intensive university. As the 32nd largest college/university in the United States and the sixth largest provider of professional education in the country, its professional schools include the Schools of Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Dentistry and a number of research centers. The University’s 17 schools and colleges offer over 450 degree programs, and over 38,000 students combine to create one of the nation’s most comprehensive and diverse learning environments.

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Temple University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.
People of color, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.