Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Kinesiology while doing research in physical activity epidemiology? Do you have experience with children/youth in sport and physical activity settings?

Dr. Zan Gao in the School of Kinesiology at University of Minnesota-Twin Cities is recruiting up to two graduate research assistants (GRAs) beginning Fall 2017. These positions are eligible for renewal, contingent on scholastic and academic performance. The GRAs will work at the Physical Activity Epidemiology Laboratory (http://www.cehd.umn.edu/kin/research/pael/).

**Responsibilities:** The successful GRAs will complete graduate coursework and fulfill all program requirements in the emphasis area of Behavioral Aspects of Physical Activity. In addition, the GRAs will conduct laboratory- and field-based physical activity epidemiology research under Dr. Gao’s guidance, including a federally funded school-based intervention project.

**Required Qualifications:** Earned Bachelors (Masters preferred) in Kinesiology or related field, and full admission to the Kinesiology graduate program at the University of Minnesota is required. The applicant should have experience in conducting research and/or working with children and youth in sport and/or physical activity settings.

**Preferred Qualifications:** (a) strong work ethic; (b) enthusiastic; (c) ability to write research manuscripts and abstracts; (d) experience with accelerometer/pedometer and interview data collection and analysis; (e) experience working with population-based physical activity interventions.

**Stipend and Benefits:**
The GRA will receive a stipend of approximate $15,000 for the 9-month academic year appointment, with additional $17,500 covering tuition and health benefits. Summer teaching assignment will also be possible.

**Application Procedures:**
To receive the fullest consideration for the GRA positions, please make application to the Kinesiology graduate programs. In addition, the following materials must be sent directly to Dr. Zan Gao no later than December 1, 2016: (a) letter of application that specifically addresses interest in and/or experience with physical activity epidemiology research; (b) resume; and (c) names and contact information of at least three references.

For more information about the positions, applicants may contact:
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