

STETSON UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

POSITION: Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow in Health Sciences, Wellness and Recreation

Stetson University invites applications for the Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow in Health Sciences, Wellness and Recreation. This position consists of a primary appointment in the Department of Health Sciences and leadership within the department of Wellness and Recreation, part of Stetson's division of Campus Life and Student Success. We invite applications from health scientists with expertise in the physiology of aging, biomechanics, and/or exercise physiology. Experience in advanced fitness assessment and/or program management is preferred. We strongly encourage applications from scientists demonstrating an interest in blending classroom and co-curricular experiences to develop student leaders in Wellness and Recreation. We seek a teacher-scholar who is committed to undergraduate education and mentoring undergraduate research.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in exercise physiology, physiology of aging, biomechanics or a related field and be conversant and engaged in contemporary practices in their discipline with a strong desire to teach undergraduates. Experience with management of student employees and/or a fitness center environment preferred.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

In keeping with the teacher-scholar model central to the mission of our liberal learning environment, and consistent with the joint appointment in Wellness and Recreation, this position involves both teaching, scholarship, and administrative leadership. The Fellow will teach four courses each academic year, include existing courses in the curriculum, mentoring of undergraduate research, and, if desired, development of a new course that draws on the candidate's disciplinary expertise.

The Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow is expected to develop scholarly collaborations within and beyond the Department of Health Sciences, which may include collaborative student research and the mentoring of capstone senior projects. The Fellow will also participate in professional development activities through the Brown Center.

Joining the leadership of Wellness and Recreation, the Fellow will engage in fitness assessment program development and site management for the campus recreational facilities.

Candidates should demonstrate a passion for the highest quality of teaching. For more information on our expectations in teaching and scholarship and our support for faculty development, please see the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs website: www.stetson.edu/provost.

THE DEPARTMENTS:

The Department of Health Sciences (www.stetson.edu/health-sciences) offers a Bachelor's of Science in Health Sciences. Stetson University's Department of Health Sciences provides a rigorous curriculum grounded in the natural sciences with a focus on human health and disease and the psychological, social, and physical aspects of wellness. The mission of the Health Sciences program is to prepare students to become scientists and/or health practitioners who apply their knowledge of the scientific basis of disease and factors that contribute to wellness to their professional work.

The Department of Wellness and Recreation (www.stetson.edu/wellness-and-recreation) is committed to enhancing the educational experience and promoting lifelong wellness through excellent wellness and recreation initiatives, programs, services, and facilities. The Stetson University Wellness and Recreation Department actively promotes the pursuit of a balanced, healthy lifestyle by providing student leadership and peer education, providing adventurist, competitive, fun, and spirited sporting opportunities, implementing and advocating for inclusive, research-based initiatives, and providing a student-oriented environment to engage in meaningful activities beyond the classroom.

THE CICI AND HYATT BROWN VISITING TEACHER-SCHOLAR FELLOWS PROGRAM:

The Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellows Program is the flagship program of the Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence at Stetson University, a central resource for promoting faculty vitality and vibrancy to advance learning. The Fellows Program and the Center were established with a generous endowment from Cici and Hyatt Brown, long-standing University Trustees.

Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellows are invited to join our inclusive learning community as visiting assistant professors for a residency of up to two academic years. The Fellows Program prepares faculty leaders who inspire excellence in learning, teaching, research, and service; in turn, Fellows leave inspired to lead. During their residency, Fellows develop their role as teacher-scholar leaders and bring niche expertise to the Stetson learning community. Within the teacher-scholar model, our faculty live out Stetson University's mission to provide an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet through exemplary teaching and continuous engagement in scholarly and creative inquiry that cultivates a culture of lifelong learning – at Stetson University and beyond.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences (www.stetson.edu/portal/artscli/) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and eight interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; six graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility. All of our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local, regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

THE UNIVERSITY:

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (www.stetson.edu) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with nearly 4,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 3,000 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1954, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs offered at the main campus and at Stetson University Center in Celebration include Business, Accounting, Elementary Education – Education for Social Justice, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Creative Writing. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

THE COMMUNITY:

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 25,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

SALARY: Salary is competitive.

STARTING DATE: August 13, 2018

APPLICATION:

Applicants must submit the following materials for consideration: 1) cover letter that addresses the specific responsibilities of the position; 2) a philosophy statement describing your approach to teaching, learning, and leadership in a liberal learning environment that values wellness; 3) curriculum vitae, 4) transcripts (copies are acceptable for screening); and 5) three letters of recommendation – at least one should include an evaluation of the candidate's ability to facilitate student learning. Candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion.

All information may be submitted electronically to the Search Committee at tcarroll1@stetson.edu. While electronic submissions are preferred, alternatively application materials may be mailed to:

Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow Search
Department of Health Sciences
Stetson University
421 N. Woodland Blvd. Unit 8252
DeLand, FL 32723

Review of applications will begin December 1, 2017 and continue until the position is filled.

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.