



Graduate Assistantship Opening Department of Recreational Sports

The Department of Recreational Sports invites applications from graduate students pursuing a master's degree to fill the Rec Sports GA position for the **Academic Year 2025-2026**.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Assist with the planning, scheduling, and management of all aquatics and safety programming, including, but not limited to communication with patrons and instructors in a timely manner, supervision of programming, and evaluation of staff.

- Assist in the recruitment, hiring, training, supervision, and evaluation of student staff including 10-15 Head guards, 20 - 25 Lifeguards, 10 Swim Instructors, and ARC Safety Instructors as needed.
- Work closely with the Coordinator, Aquatics and Safety.
- Ensure quality of programs through leadership, red shirt drills, evaluations, trainings, and participant surveys
- Assist in scheduling for staff with the subitup software.
- Assist in the scheduling of aquatic facility reservations using the Fusion Software.
- Lead implementation of safety skill drills for Campus Recreation staff
- Assist with planning and execution of monthly in-service training.
- Ability to substitute for lifeguards and instructors if needed.
- Review and revise all aquatics related content and promotions for the departmental website and other media channels.
- Monitor aquatics and safety trends and recommend modifications to current programs, equipment, risk management policies, and operational procedures.
- Assist with the water chemistry and mechanical functions for 3 large commercial pools.

Required Skills and Competencies:

- Strong Swimming Skills are Required and will be evaluated prior to hiring.
- Candidate must hold a current Lifeguard certification including First Aid, CPR and AED or gain this certification within 30 days of hiring.
- Priority will be given to candidates who hold a Lifeguard Instructor Certification.
- Priority will be given to candidates with swimming lesson instruction experience.

Eligibility and Additional Considerations:

Graduate assistantship appointments with the **Recreational Sports** are for the academic year and usually begin in the Fall semester. This position will begin **August 2025**.

Students in **MS Kinesiology** graduate programs are eligible to apply. Consideration also may be given to graduate students pursuing a degree program and research focus with direct connection to the duties described above.

Applicants must be UL Lafayette graduate students in good academic standing who have been admitted unconditionally.

Appointment also **requires full-time graduate enrollment** and **completion of 20 hours of in-person, on-campus** duties each week during the academic terms. Appointment does not require completion of duties when classes are not in session (i.e., during intercessions and student breaks).

Continuation of the appointment beyond Spring 2026 is contingent upon successful completion of assistantship duties, satisfactory progress toward degree, and/or budgetary considerations.

If an international graduate student, your visa status may place restrictions on your employment eligibility; if you are not certain if your visa status permits holding an assistantship, contact the Office of International Affairs in the Division of Global Engagement.

Compensation:

Compensation includes a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees, plus a monthly stipend that adheres to University minimum levels.

- For the 2025-2026 academic year, the minimum stipend is \$1,150 per month for master's students, totaling \$11,500 paid over ten months.
- The value of tuition/fee waiver for an academic-year assistantship in 2025-2026 is at least \$11,202 for U.S. resident graduate students and \$27,674 for non-resident international graduate students enrolled in 9 graduate credit hours per semester. For students taking more credits, this benefit is even higher.
- The accompanying fee waiver does not cover 100% of the supplemental insurance fee for international students on F-1, J-1, or other non-immigrant visas.

To Apply:

Send a letter of application/interest, resume or CV, and contact information for professional references to David Suter, Director of Rec Sports. Questions should be directed to David Suter, Director of Rec Sports at dave@louisiana.edu

To ensure full consideration apply by August 13. Review of applications will begin at that time and will continue until the position is filled.