



Exercise Science

Arnold School of Public Health

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Tenure-Track Faculty Position: Assistant Professor

Department of Exercise Science

The Department of Exercise Science at the University of South Carolina (USC) Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH; www.sph.sc.edu) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin on August 16, 2025 in prevention science, focusing on early or middle childhood. **The Department seeks candidates with particular interest in working with racially or ethnically diverse populations, and whose scholarship focuses on prevention strategies that benefit young children.** Candidates with research expertise in preventive interventions (e.g., in classroom, school, family, or community contexts), especially with a focus on health disparities and on prevention aimed at benefitting groups that have experienced discrimination and exclusion, are strongly urged to apply. This faculty position is in conjunction with the University's NIH-supported Research Center for Child Well-Being (RCCWB): <https://rccwb.sc.edu>. The RCCWB conducts research on integrated prevention of unhealthy lifestyle, such as sleep, physical activity, screen use, diet, and social-emotional problems in children ages 2-10.

The position is a 9-month tenure-track appointment and requires an earned doctoral degree, by the beginning date of employment (August 16, 2025), in public health or closely related field, and a demonstrated record of research productivity and potential for excellence in teaching. The position is open to early-career faculty as well as recent graduates.

The successful candidate will have an affiliation and collaborate with faculty in both the RCCWB and Arnold Healthy Kids Initiative (AHKI; www.sph.sc.edu/acoi) : in their pursuit of external grants to support their prevention research related to the focus of the RCCWB and AHKI. The successful candidate will also contribute to the academic mission of the department and the college through undergraduate and graduate teaching and research, including prevention-related courses.

USC is a research-intensive University and has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral institution with highest research activity. USC has also been designated a community engaged institution, making it one of only a few public universities to earn both the top-tier research classification and the community engagement classification from Carnegie. From the Upstate to the Lowcountry, the USC system is transforming the lives of South Carolinians through

the impact of our eight institutions and 20 locations throughout the state. More than 50,000 students are enrolled in one of the eight institutions, including the **research campus in Columbia**. All our system institutions place strong emphasis on service—helping to build healthier, more educated communities in South Carolina and beyond. The greater Columbia area in particular hosts historical and cultural attractions, festivals, performing arts and sporting events, parks and considerable outdoor recreation, and an easily accessible airport.

The Department offers degrees at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level with programs in exercise science, athletic training, and physical therapy. The PhD program is consistently one of the top ranked programs in the US. The department currently serves approximately 1200 undergraduates and over 270 graduate students across all programs. Faculty research grant awards total more than \$26.3M in federal funding.

At USC, we strive to cultivate an inclusive environment that is open, welcoming, and supportive of individuals of all backgrounds. We recognize diversity in our workforce is essential to providing academic excellence and critical to our sustainability. The University is committed to eliminating barriers created by institutional discrimination, through accountability and continuous process improvement. We celebrate the diverse voices, perspectives, and experiences of our employees.

The University of South Carolina is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender (including transgender), gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, childbirth, recovery therefrom or related medical conditions, breastfeeding), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other bases under federal, state, local law, or regulations.

The University of South Carolina offers a robust benefits package described at: http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/human_resources/benefits/index.php

How to apply: Applications must be submitted via USCJobs at the following link: <https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/177652>. Complete applications will include: 1) letter of application detailing how the applicant's research interests, expertise and/or experience meet the requirements and responsibilities of the position, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) research statement; 4) teaching statement; and 5) contact information for three professional references. Inquiries about this posting should be directed to Dr. Michael Beets at beets@mailbox.sc.edu. All finalists will be required to submit official transcripts from the degree granting institution(s). Review of applications will begin on December 2, 2024; however, **the position will remain open until filled.**