

Advertisement for prospective graduate student:

Graduate Assistantship in *The Kurt Hahn Consortium for Values and Experiential Learning* while seeking a Master's degree or Ph.D. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management

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Context

The Department of Recreation Park and Tourism Management (RPTM) is a vibrant department within the College of Health and Human Development. Academics in the Department embrace a broad conception of all aspects of the fields they teach and research; as well as collaborate across the College and beyond which demonstrates their belief and commitment to interdisciplinary understandings. As a partner of RPTM, Shavers Creek (SCEC) is a community outreach unit and field laboratory for Penn State students which collaborates across all colleges in the University as well as serving the wider community through engagement with schools, government agencies, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, and the general public. The facilities are located 12 miles from campus.

Research

We are looking for an MSc/PhD student to undertake research in the *Kurt Hahn Consortium for Values and Experiential Learning*. The research will draw on literature at the intersection of outdoor recreation, experiential learning, peacebuilding and teaching learning and pedagogy. This studentship is part of our rapidly evolving collaborations with Outward Bound (Oman, USA and Internationally) and The Duke of Edinburgh International Award (USA).

The specifics of the research design will be developed by the student. We anticipate that a focus of the research will be on Outdoor Experiential Leadership. Through the collaboration and strong network of connections this research provides a unique opportunity to undertake work across countries and cultures on the different manifestations of Hahnian philosophy in various experiential contexts. We anticipate an interdisciplinary approach drawing on philosophy, pedagogy, psychology and sociology.

There are extensive opportunities for collaborations on campus with different departments and research centres such as The Rock Ethics Institute and Campus Recreation. The chair of the students committee will be Dr Pete Allison. It is anticipated that a representative from Outward Bound and/or The Duke of Edinburgh (International) Award will sit as a special member of the committee.



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Graduate Assistantship

The assistantship for this research is for a 2-5 year period dependent on successful progress. The successful candidate will be a student in RPTM. In addition they will work for 20 hours per week as a research and or teaching assistant on campus and/or at Shavers Creek. This will probably involve working on the collaborative relationships mentioned above, research projects, curriculum development and teaching. The candidate will become a member of the team focusing their practical and academic energy on outdoor experiential leadership. Candidates with experience in a range of contexts and outdoor activities are encouraged to apply.

The logistics of working between campus and Shavers Creek means that use of personal car for transport may be required.

Candidate information

- The successful candidate will be highly motivated and hard working. They will have a demonstrable interest and background in Outdoor Experiential Leadership. They will be articulate and capable of critical analysis of research and practice in Outdoor Experiential Leadership at all levels. Some travel may be required.
- It is desirable for candidates to have experience of working in a Hahn legacy organization.
- International applicants are encouraged.
- The assistantship covers tuition fees and a *generous* stipend for 9 months of the year.
- We will begin seeking applicants during the summer / early fall of 2019, and the successful candidate will begin studies January or August 2020.
- Further information: Please direct questions to Dr Pete Allison pra7@psu.edu
- Application Procedure: For more information on Doctoral studies and Application Processes see: <http://hhd.psu.edu/rptm/graduate/application>