



## Assistant Professor Tenure Track Position in Kinesiology and Health Sciences

### **POSITION:**

The College of Humanities and Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University embarks on a cluster hire in Migration Studies: Focus Latin America to enhance the study of Latin American migration at VCU and position the university as a thought leader in addressing the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly diverse nation. Four new faculty positions will enrich the departments of History, Sociology, Kinesiology and Health Sciences, and the School of World Studies.

The Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences is seeking applications for a tenure track assistant professor position to begin August 2018. We are seeking a health sciences professor specializing in health, wellness and disease and their relationship to the social determinants of health among Latinos/Latinas in the United States. Preferred secondary specializations include health services research (quantitative and/or qualitative), program planning, implementation and evaluation, health literacy, health disparities and the impact of migration and globalization on health status, access to care, and health outcomes.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The successful candidate will be required to have an established research agenda and a clear potential for external funding, as appropriate, and potential for scholarship or creative expression to complement and expand existing expertise in the department. Teaching responsibilities will include courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level in their area of research specialization, along with providing support to the program's core curriculum. Interest and ability to teach in our graduate programs will be preferred. Candidates will also be expected to foster the professional skills of our students in becoming effective communicators within Spanish-speaking communities in order to enhance health literacy, adherence to prevention and/or treatment plans and the overall quality of life in immigrant Latino/Latina communities. VCU's urban environment offers rich opportunities for community engagement and service learning, both locally and abroad.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Required:** Earned PhD by August 2018 in Health Sciences, Public Health or a related field and a record of or demonstrable potential for excellence in scholarship. Demonstrated experience working in and fostering a diverse faculty, staff, and student environment or commitment to do so as a faculty member at VCU is required. **Preferred:** Native- or near native proficiency in Spanish is preferred.

### **SALARY:**

Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and abilities.

### **STARTING DATES:**

August 16, 2018

### **THE UNIVERSITY:**

VCU is a premier urban, public research university comprised of over 1,500 faculty members who are focused on the academic success of more than 32,000 students. We are proud of our nationally ranked academic programs and academic medical center, research and scholarly productivity, and engagement with the communities we serve and change. Combining the amenities of a major metropolitan area with the charm and convenience of a small historic city, Richmond provides an engaging backdrop for work, play and study. The university has an increasingly diverse ethnic, cultural and international character. Serving as Virginia's capital, Richmond is a vibrant, prosperous metropolitan area of approximately one million people. It is located within driving distance of Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach and the Blue Ridge mountains. Visit [www.vcu.edu](http://www.vcu.edu) to learn more about the university.

### **THE DEPARTMENT:**

The Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences in the College of Humanities and Sciences is comprised of 12 full-time faculty members engaged in an array of clinical, applied, and interdisciplinary endeavors. The undergraduate programs consist of concentrations in Exercise Science and Health Sciences, and graduate programs include an MS in Health and Movement Science and a PhD in Rehabilitation and Movement Science. For more information on the Department please visit <http://khs.vcu.edu/>.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Only electronic applications will be accepted. Please apply online at [www.vcujobs.com](http://www.vcujobs.com). Submit a letter of application, CV, and a writing sample in PDF format with your online application (please submit the writing sample under the website's category for "Other Document"). Three letters of reference are required. Reference providers will be notified by email that they have been asked to provide a reference, with instructions how to do so. The committee will begin the review of applications on November 10, 2017. Applications are accepted until the position is filled. Start date will be August 16, 2018. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. R. Lee Franco, Associate Chair, Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences at [francorl@vcu.edu](mailto:francorl@vcu.edu).

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Women, Minorities, Veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**