MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO invites applications for the position of:
Recreation, Parks & Leisure Services, Assistant Professor (PRF#AA17054)

**SALARY:** Depends on Qualifications

**OPENING DATE:** 01/26/16

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Review of applications will begin on February 12, 2016 and continue until the position is filled

**POSITION:** Tenure-Track (Probationary*)

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT:** August 15, 2016

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**
The Department of Recreation, Parks & Leisure Services (RPLS) eagerly seeks to fill a tenure-track (probationary) position to begin in Fall 2016.

Responsibilities include effectively teaching courses in the department’s core curriculum and the Resource Management emphasis area. Courses may include Introduction to RPLS, Leisure and Lifestyle, Wildlife as a Recreation Resource, Public Land Use Policy, Park Planning and Review of Outdoor Recreation Research. Additional responsibilities include advising students, maintaining and improving expertise in the discipline and in pedagogy, serving on departmental and university committees, contributing to student growth and development, evaluating student performance, and service to university and community.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Doctorate with at least one graduate degree in Recreation, Parks, Leisure Studies/Services or related discipline; All requirements for a doctorate must be completed by August 15, 2016, with the degree conferred on an official transcript by December 19, 2016.
- Three (3) years of experience in RPLS. Experience is to include: managing one or more facilities, administering a budget, hiring and supervising staff, assessing and evaluating programs and services, land management planning or natural resource management.
- Evidence of scholarly activities.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Experience teaching RPLS and Resource Management courses at the university/college level.
- Awarded terminal degree in Recreation, Parks, Leisure Studies\Services or related discipline.
- Experience teaching on-line courses.
- Evidence of collaborative ability.
- Effective communication skills.
- Evidence of active participation in professional organizations.
- Demonstrated commitment to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and equity-minded learning and working environment.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
The RPLS core curriculum at Minnesota State University, Mankato is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions. The Department has 6 full-time faculty members with approximately 185 undergraduate majors in three career tracks: Leisure Planning and Management, Resource Management and Therapeutic Recreation. The Department is located in the College of Allied Health and Nursing. For more information about the RPLS Department at MSU, please visit their website: http://ahn.mnsu.edu/rpls/.

Minnesota State University, Mankato, located 75 miles southwest of the Twin Cities, offers comprehensive undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 15,000 students in over 130 programs. Additional information on Minnesota State University, Mankato can be found at: http://www.mnsu.edu/.

The Greater Mankato Community: At approximately 50,000 residents, Mankato retains that small town feel punctuated with friendliness, great neighbors and affordable housing. The community offers nationally recognized theater productions, micro-breweries, four star restaurants and a local marathon. Mankato, located at the confluence of two rivers, offers opportunities for hunting, fishing and water sports, has a snow ski area, mountain bike trails, and a vast network of greenways and parks that enables community members to easily enjoy the outdoors.

Application Procedures:
To apply for this position, please continue the process via this website or directly at: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mankato/default.cfm. A complete online application includes the following attachments. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the search committee.

- Cover letter linking educational and professional experiences to the required and preferred qualifications.
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Contact information for three (3) references
- Unofficial Transcript(s) of highest completed degree

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*Employment for this position is covered by the collective bargaining agreement for the Inter Faculty Organization which can be found at: http://www.hr.mnscu.edu/contract_plans/index.html.

NOTICE: In accordance with the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities (MnSCU) Vehicle Fleet Safety Program, employees driving on college/university business who use a rental or state vehicle shall be required to conform to MnSCU's vehicle use criteria and consent to a Motor Vehicle Records check.
Minnesota State University, Mankato has a long-standing commitment to diversity and is actively seeking to nurture and enrich its underrepresented communities. Women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. In accordance with USCIS regulations, successful applicants must be legally able to accept work in the United States. Requests for reasonable accommodation of a disability during the application and/or interview process should be made to the Office of Human Resources, 507-389-2015 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY). This Vacancy Notice is available in alternative format upon request. Minnesota State University, Mankato is an affirmative action/equal opportunity University and is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.