

Announcement of Doctoral Student Assistantship



Dr. Richard J. Paulsen, Assistant Professor in Sport Management in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, is currently seeking a motivated Doctoral Student to work on research related to sports economics starting Fall 2024!

Dr. Paulsen is a sports economist whose research focuses on labor market issues. Dr. Paulsen has conducted research on incentives and factors affecting athlete productivity, in contexts including Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Association. He's also conducted research looking at broader labor market issues affecting sport industry workers, including issues related to DEAI/DEIB, as well as work looking at other entertainment industry workers beyond sport. Dr. Paulsen received his PhD in Economics from the Northeastern University. He subsequently worked as a Lecturer of Economics at University of Vermont and then as an Assistant Professor in the Economics Department at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

- The selected student will begin the PhD program in **September 2024** and will be provided with funding for tuition, stipend and health care (student/family) as a Graduate Student Instructor.
- The selected student will have the unique opportunity to work on projects related to: (a) incentives influencing athlete productivity; (b) examining the broader sport industry workforce; and (c) additional topics of interest in sport management/economics.
- Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree in Economics, Sport Management, Applied Statistics,
 Applied Mathematics, or other social science or applied quantitative field. Applicants with a Master's
 degree in relevant fields are preferred. Previous research experience, publications, and a high GPA
 from previous academic work are highly desirable.
- Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled, though students are encouraged to apply by December 1st, 2023. Students will need to apply and gain admittance to the University of Michigan School of Kinesiology doctoral program. For best consideration, interested students should contact Dr. Paulsen immediately, as applications will be reviewed upon receipt. To be considered, please electronically send to Dr. Paulsen (rpaulsen@umich.edu) in PDF format: a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and contact information for three references. Please include in the subject line of your e-mail submissions: "Ph.D. Position: Sport Labor Markets".
- For more information on applying to the School of Kinesiology, please contact Charlene Ruloff at cruloff@umich.edu. Information about the Kinesiology Ph.D. program can be found at: https://www.kines.umich.edu/admissions-aid/graduate/phd. Information about Dr. Paulsen's research can be found at https://richardjpaulseneconomics.wordpress.com/.