Dr. Weiyun Chen, Associate Professor in the School of Kinesiology, and the Director of the Physical Activity and Health Laboratory at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, is currently seeking a motivated Doctoral Student to work on research related to physical activity and health and psychological well-being promotion for Fall 2020!

Dr. Chen’s research focuses on developing and testing cognitively stimulating, socially engaged, and technology-integrated physical activity intervention strategies to enhance health and psychological well-beings in school-aged children and adults. Dr. Chen has delivered over 100 presentations at international and national conferences. She published 57 peer-reviewed research articles. She served as the chair for American Educational Research Association-Special Interest Group (AERA SIG) and National Association for Sports and Physical Education-Curriculum and Instruction (NASPE C & I) Academy. Dr. Chen is an associate editor for Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport and academic editor for Medicine.

- The selected student will begin the PhD program in Fall 2020 and will be provided with full funding for tuition, a living stipend and health care (student/family) as a Graduate Student Instructor (GSI). The GSI assistantship will cover four years of doctoral study.

- The selected student will have the unique opportunity to work on projects related to: (a) examining the technology-enhanced “Active Schools, Parents, and Kids” intervention on physical activity, physical fitness, and executive functions, and psychological well-beings in school-aged children; (b) examining the effects of the technology-enhanced “Active Mind and Body” intervention on functional fitness, executive functions, and psychological well-beings in older adults; (c) examining the effects of different types of physical activities on mental health and psychological well-beings among college students.

- Applicants should have a Master’s and Bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology, Physical Education Pedagogy, Education, Exercise Science, Nutrition, Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, or other health-related field. Previous research experience, publications, and a high GPA from previous academic work are highly desirable.

- For best consideration, interested students should immediately send a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, writing sample, and contact information for three references to Dr. Chen at chenwy@umich.edu. Please include in the subject line of your e-mail submissions: “Ph.D. Position: Physical Activity and Health”.

- 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: http://www.kines.umich.edu/graduate-admissions, which includes a video describing the doctoral program. Information about Dr. Chen’s research can be found at https://www.kines.umich.edu/directory/weiyun-chen