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Announcement for Doctoral Student Assistantship

Fall 2027 • Ann Arbor, MI



Dr. Thadeu Gasparetto, Assistant Professor of Sports Economics in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan, is currently seeking a motivated doctoral student to work on behavioral and experimental research in sports starting in fall 2027.

Faculty Bio and Research Focus

Dr. Gasparetto earned his B.Sc. from the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (Brazil) and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Vigo (Spain). He previously held faculty positions at the Higher School of Economics (Saint Petersburg, Russia), Leeds Beckett University (Leeds, UK), and West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV, USA). His research focuses on sports economics, spanning sport demand, audience behavior, labor markets, and the design of leagues and competitions. He combines econometric analysis with experimental methods to examine how individuals and organizations make decisions in sport. His current research agenda uses sports as a laboratory to test economic theory and explore human behavior.

Assistantship Information

This graduate assistantship provides a stipend, tuition support, and healthcare for the fall, winter, and spring/summer (stipend only) terms and is renewable for three subsequent years, contingent upon your satisfactory performance, for a total of four years of funding. Additional details to be sent with the admissions decision.

Preferred Applicant's Experience and Qualifications

To be considered for the position, please email the following documents, in a single combined PDF to Dr. Thadeu Gasparetto at thadeu@umich.edu with the subject line "PhD position fall 2027".

1. Cover letter stating your personal research interests, goals, and relevant experiences and skills
2. Current CV
3. Brief 2–3-page proposal for a study on behavioral and experimental research in sports

Application Information

The application deadline is December 1. However, I will consider applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Students will need to gain admittance to the University of Michigan School of Kinesiology's doctoral program. For more information on applying to the School of Kinesiology, please visit the PhD Admissions section of our website. You can also sign up for an upcoming prospective student open house (virtual and in-person) and join our mailing list.

If you have additional questions, please contact Charlene Ruloff at kingradcomm@umich.edu.

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