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Ph.D. opportunity in Education, Health & Behavior Studies – Physical Education and Motor Development Focus.

The University of North Dakota (USA) is now accepting applications for our doctoral program for the Fall 2025 intake. We invite applicants who will have completed their master's degree by the summer of 2025 and have research interests in physical education, motor development, or physical activity to apply. Priority will be given to applications submitted by January 15th, with the final deadline being February 15th. Applicants who meet these deadlines may also be considered for financial support.

Required materials include official transcripts (GPA 3.5 or above), a writing sample, three letters of recommendation, a recent CV/resume, a statement of goals, and proof of English language proficiency (international applicants). Candidates with prior research in PE, Applied Health Education, Motor Development, or K-12 school instructional experiences and related fields (community or school intervention) experience are encouraged to apply.

Accepted on-campus students will be guaranteed a tuition waiver. Competitive applicants may also be eligible for graduate teaching or research assistant positions, which include a monthly stipend. Students in good academic standing who meet the College of Education and Human Development requirements will have opportunities for conference travel. This on-campus doctoral program follows a 4-year study plan, with Dr. Hairui (Harry) Liu serving as the major adviser. The program is expected to begin in Fall 2025.

Established in 1883, the University of North Dakota (UND) is the oldest research and flagship university in North Dakota, classified by the Carnegie Foundation for very high research activity (R1). Recognized among the top 100 public and top 25 most innovative U.S. universities, UND offers over 225 fields of study, housing the state's sole School of Law, School of Medicine, and pioneering initiatives in mines and aerospace. Located in Grand Forks, a vibrant college town on the North Dakota-Minnesota border, UND enjoys a stellar quality of life, is ranked among the top 5 Best Small College Towns, and is recognized as America's Best Hockey Town. UND is a prominent public research university committed to excellence in academics and athletics, with a strong tradition in sports (known as "Fighting Hawks") like Ice Hockey, Football, Basketball, Soccer, and more. The university actively promotes research through initiatives like the "UND Leads" program. Prospective doctoral students interested in the Kinesiology & Public Health Education program are encouraged to contact Dr. Hairui (Harry) Liu at hairui.liu@und.edu for additional information.