

## **Multiple Open Rank Tenured/Tenure-Track RT Faculty Positions in the Department of Health & Wellness Design**

Appointment Status: Tenure

Department: IU Bloomington Health & Wellness Design

Location: Bloomington

### **Position Summary**

The Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington (SPH-B) invites applications for a tenured or tenure-track faculty position in the Department of **Health & Wellness Design**. This is an open-rank search for applicants at all levels (assistant, associate, or full professors) who will demonstrate excellence in research in one of the following focus areas aligned with our vision for “better health, by design”:

(1) Recreation based health intervention design; and/or

(2) Recreation therapy and aging; and/or

(3) Recreation therapy and the environment

These 10-month appointments would ideally start August 1, 2025, although an earlier or later start date is negotiable. Applications received by October 15, 2024, will receive full consideration, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

The School of Public Health-Bloomington is located on the flagship campus of Indiana University and is comprised of over 200 faculty across five departments. Since rebranding to the Department of Health & Wellness Design in 2020, the department has grown rapidly, adding 10 tenured/tenure-track faculty, launching the Center for Health by Design, engineering a >1,000% increase in grant expenditures, >300% increase in faculty-led extramural grant submissions, and average grant budgets up by \$500k per submission. The department has the world’s first B.S. in Health & Wellness Design and is planning M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Health & Wellness Design to launch in 2026.

The Department of Health & Wellness Design maintains strong connections to other STEM departments and schools at Indiana University and health systems across the state.

**About Indiana University Bloomington:** Founded in 1820, Indiana University-Bloomington (IUB) is the flagship campus of Indiana University. Located in Bloomington, IN., IUB constantly strives to embody its mission to create, disseminate, preserve, and apply knowledge. It does so through its commitments to cutting-edge research, scholarship, arts, and creative activity; inspired and challenging undergraduate, graduate, professional, and lifelong educational programs; meaningful experiences outside the classroom; expansive global educational opportunities while fostering a culturally diverse campus environment; first-rate library and museum collections; and far-reaching economic development and impact in the state and region.

IUB is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. With over 47,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the campus has 16 degree-granting colleges and schools offering 300+ undergraduate majors, 300+ Master’s degrees, and 150+ doctoral and professional degree opportunities. Known for its Indiana limestone facades and green spaces throughout, IUB is widely considered one of the country’s most beautiful college campuses. The

School of Public Health-Bloomington (SPH-B) is located in the heart of the IUB campus and comprises five collaborative academic departments with over 200 faculty and staff, including one of the most diverse faculties of any school of public health in the nation, with 37.1% of current tenure-track/tenured faculty being underrepresented minorities. In 2022, IUB was honored with the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award.

Indiana University provides IU SPH-B faculty outstanding teaching and research support through programs like the IU Faculty Academy on Excellence in Teaching (F.A.C.E.T.); extensive research development and research administrative support through the Office of the Vice President for Research; and innovative collaborations with organizations like the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, the IU School of Medicine (IUSM) and Regenstrief Institute's Center for Aging Research, and the IUSM's Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases, and the IU Bloomington's Environmental Resilience Institute. In addition to outstanding programs like these, exciting things are happening in medical sciences at IUB with the opening of the IU Regional Academic Health Center in Bloomington and significant synergy in cross departmental collaborations in areas like environmental impacts on human health, nutrition and aging. The School has strong connections to Indiana University School of Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing, Informatics and Computing, Art & Design, Public and Environmental Affairs, and the soon to be Indiana University Indianapolis Fairbanks School Public Health, along with Purdue University programs in Pharmacy and Engineering. IU SPH-B continues its rapid expansion embracing a comprehensive and holistic approach to promoting health and wellbeing within the research, teaching and service aspects of our mission. With an emphasis on high quality and impactful research and an embracement of the importance of diversity and inclusion across all our academic endeavors – there has never been a more exciting time to join our growing faculty.

Nestled in the rolling hills of south-central Indiana, and home to 85,000 residents, the city of Bloomington offers the feel of a college town with many of the amenities of a large city. From off-Broadway plays and musicals, the LOTUS World Festival of Music, quick access to 250,000 acres of public recreation lands, outstanding public schools and a reasonable cost of living, Bloomington offers much to all.

**For more information about the SPH-B and Indiana University Bloomington, visit:**

School of Public Health-Bloomington: <http://www.publichealth.indiana.edu>

Indiana University Bloomington: <https://www.indiana.edu>

SPH-B Department of Health & Wellness

Design <https://publichealth.indiana.edu/research/departments/health-wellness-design/index.html>

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**Basic Qualifications:**

Qualifications: Candidates must hold a doctoral degree or professional doctorate (PhD, MD, DO, PharmD, DNP, etc.) in a relevant field from an accredited educational institution. Preference will be given to applicants who are Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists (CTRS). A firm commitment to the role of diversity in all aspects of research, education and service is essential. Candidates must have teaching experience at the graduate or professional level. Good interpersonal skills, effective communication skills, and the ability to work cooperatively and congenially within a diverse faculty are required. Leadership skills and vision for enhancing the academic components of an interdisciplinary department are essential. Candidates for associate and full professor positions must also demonstrate a record of scholarly achievement appropriate for a senior career level, including extramurally funded research as a corresponding principal investigator, current funding or strong potential to secure external funding, and experience leading sizeable research initiatives.

**Department Contact for Questions:**

Questions about the PeopleAdmin application procedure may be directed to Dave Archer at [dwarcher@iu.edu](mailto:dwarcher@iu.edu) or via postal mail at Department of Health & Wellness Design Search & Screen Committee, School Public Health–Bloomington, Indiana University, 1025 East 7th Street, Bloomington, IN 47405-4801. Questions regarding the position may be directed to Richard Holden, Department Chair, [rjholden@iu.edu](mailto:rjholden@iu.edu), NiCole Keith, Executive Associate Dean, [nkeith@iu.edu](mailto:nkeith@iu.edu), or Lisa Koontz, Director of Faculty Operations, [lmkoontz@iu.edu](mailto:lmkoontz@iu.edu).

**Additional Qualifications:**

Responsibilities: Tenure-track faculty in the Department of Health & Wellness Design are expected to substantially contribute to the overall academic excellence of the department by developing and/or maintaining a robust research portfolio including pursuing and obtaining major extramural research funding to conduct cutting-edge research in modern public health science both as a corresponding principal investigator and a collaborating investigator; teaching and mentoring students at the undergraduate and/or graduate level as designated by the department chairperson; and actively providing service internally to the department, school and university and externally to the profession and/or the community.

**Areas of special interest and current faculty strengths include:**

- Lifestyle health behavior (nutrition, exercise, sleep, stress management, social and green activity)
- Aging, disability, chronic illness, and caregiving;
- Health equity and social determinants of health
- Informatics, technology, and digital health
- Brain health and mental health
- Patient experience
- Nonpharmacologic therapies and models of care

- Various approaches to design and innovation including human-centered design, community-based participatory research, intervention science, and implementation science.

All research areas related to health will be considered, with preference given to research that is collaborative, synergistic with other SPH-B and Indiana University faculty, and aligns with major funding priorities.

The successful candidate will further the department's culture of collaborative, impactful research, and will lead or contribute to applications for centers of excellence, research training programs, and similar collaborative initiatives to enhance research infrastructure and national reputation. Candidates should be enthusiastic about contributing to the training of future generations of health researchers and professionals, involving students in research, and developing education programs that reflect the future of health and healthcare. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to develop new courses and curricula in their area(s) of specialty. The department currently provides comprehensive support packages for doctoral students and dedicated support for graduate students from underrepresented groups or working on health equity.

**Salary and Rank:** Commensurate with Experience

**Special Instructions:**

Application Procedure: Please provide a 1) curriculum vitae, 2) cover letter no longer than 5 pages in length summarizing your qualifications and interest in the position and describing your research, teaching, and approach to working with others. The search committee is not required to review any additional materials you attach. If selected as a finalist, we will additionally request a list of up to six (6) references (a minimum of three references for the Assistant Professor rank and a minimum of six for Associate or Full Professor); references will be contacted if you are selected for a finalist interview and/or job offer. Do not include reference letters at the time of submission. Interested candidates should submit applications at: <https://indiana.peopleadmin.com>.

Before a conditional offer of employment is finalized, candidates will be asked to disclose any pending investigations or previous findings of sexual or professional misconduct. They will also be required to authorize an inquiry by Indiana University Bloomington with all current and former employers along these lines. The relevance of information disclosed or ascertained in the context of this process to a candidate's eligibility for hire will be evaluated by Indiana University Bloomington on a case-by-case basis. Applicants should be aware, however, that Indiana University Bloomington takes the matters of sexual and professional misconduct very seriously.

For Best Consideration Date: 10/15/2024

Expected Start Date: 08/01/2025

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**If interested, please apply:** <https://apptrkr.com/5619374>