

**Assistant Professor in Consumer Affairs
South Dakota State University
College of Education and Human Sciences
Department of Consumer Sciences**

THE OPPORTUNITY:

The Consumer Affairs Program seeks to fill a nine-month academic appointment through an open search for all qualified and interested candidates. The department offers a Bachelor's degree in Consumer Affairs with specializations in Family Financial Management and Consumer Services Management. The successful candidate for this position will begin her or his faculty appointment at SDSU in January or August 2017 as an Assistant Professor. Responsibilities will include:

Teaching: Standard teaching load in Consumer Affairs with assignments through the various levels and types of courses offered in the program. Provide leadership in curriculum development, assessment, and student recruitment and retention.

Research: Develop a track record of peer-reviewed and externally-funded scholarly and/or creative activities.

Service: Serve on committees in the university, the college, and the department and provide service to the profession, the industry, and the region.

The position offers a collegial and supportive work environment, small class sizes, a high quality of work life, and highly competitive compensation in the region.

THE QUALIFICATIONS:

- PhD in Consumer Affairs, Consumer Studies, Consumer Sciences, Consumer Economics, Family Resource Management, or closely related field is required. Doctoral candidates will be considered on a one-year term appointment at the Instructor level with the completion of the terminal degree required within a year of initial hire date.
- A broad background in Consumer Affairs with expertise to teach in a range of areas across the four years of the curriculum is preferred.
- Quality teaching, scholarship, and grant writing will be expected.
- Participation in relevant professional organizations is desirable.
- Effective written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills are required.

THE INSTITUTION:

South Dakota State University (SDSU) is the state's largest, most comprehensive university. As South Dakota's Morrill Act land-grant university, SDSU had a fall 2014 enrollment of 12,557 students from all 50 states and 79 countries. Approximately 67 percent of SDSU students are residents of South Dakota, 29 percent are from other states and 4 percent from other countries. The University provides a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation and engagement.

The American Association of University Professors categorizes SDSU as a Category 1 or doctoral-level institution. The University is designated as research-high in the Carnegie Classifications.

The University has been designated an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and its Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness, and Economic Prosperity is a major resource for the economic development needs of the state.

Over the last five years, university research has yielded 245 invention disclosures, 65 patents filed, 9 patents issued and 35 license agreements executed through the Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization, resulting in more than \$10 million in license revenue.

SDSU Extension, with eight Regional Extension Centers across the state, is South Dakota's source for objective, vetted and relevant new knowledge generated through research. Extension's online learning portal, iGrow.org, served nearly 600,000 users with more than 925,000 page views last year. To read more, visit: <http://www.sdstate.edu>.

Location: Brookings, South Dakota.

THE DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Consumer Sciences is one of the four departments in the College of Education and Human Sciences with undergraduate major programs in Consumer Affairs, Hospitality Management, Aviation, Apparel Merchandising, and minors in Leadership and Leadership and Management of Nonprofit organizations (LMNO), and Master's programs in Financial Planning and Merchandising.

The Consumer Affairs program at SDSU is an integral part of the Department of Consumer Sciences in the College of Education and Human Sciences. The undergraduate major focuses on consumers' interaction with the marketplace and the public sector. Courses emphasize understanding needs of individuals, families, and communities related to the marketplace, public policies affecting consumers, consumer behavior, and consumer decision-making. The curriculum develops competencies in subject matter, management, leadership, problem solving, interpersonal skills, and communication. Students have an option to specialize in the areas of Consumer Services Management or Family Financial Management. Consumer Affairs prepares students to work with consumers to improve their wellbeing. There are approximately 100 students pursuing a Consumer Affairs major fall of 2015. Graduates pursue career opportunities in many nonprofit, business, and government agencies.

Consumer Affairs faculty are also involved in delivery of a Master's degree in Family Financial Planning, a degree program that is part of the Great Plain's IDEA (Interactive Distance Education Alliance). For more information about this innovative, inter-institutional degree, see <http://www.gpidea.org>. SDSU typically teaches 1-2 courses in the program each year and has about 10-12 students in the program at any given time.

THE APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY:

The position is open until filled with full consideration given to applications received by September 14, 2016.

SDSU accepts applications through an on-line employment site. To apply: visit <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu>, search the site by position title, review the job announcement, and follow the site's instructions. To complete the application process, the employment site will ask candidates for five attachments in .doc or .PDF format:

- Cover letter, which should specifically address how the candidate meets the qualifications as outlined in the advertisement;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Brief statement of teaching philosophy (attached as 'work sample');
- Brief statement of research productivity and potential (attached as 'other document');
- Three professional references each with telephone, email, and mailing addresses.

The search committee will not review incomplete on-line applications. Additional documentation may be requested of candidates at a later date.

Contact SDSU Human Resources at (605) 688-4128 if you require assistance with the on-line process.

For questions about this position contact Search Committee Chair, Dr. Soo Hyun Cho, at (605) 688-5835 or SooHyun.Cho@sdstate.edu.

Any offer of employment is contingent on the university's verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to, a criminal background check.

SDSU is especially interested in candidates that can contribute to and/or coordinate course offerings that address the experiences of underrepresented minorities in organizations. Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

THE PLACE – BROOKINGS SOUTH DAKOTA:

Brookings, a community of 22,591, is located in eastern South Dakota, just minutes from the Minnesota border and less than an hour's drive to the state's largest city, Sioux Falls. Students from communities in Nebraska, North Dakota and Iowa find SDSU within an easy day's drive.

What really makes Brookings special is its unique neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, leisurely pace of living, and interesting people. It is a thriving community with an extraordinary quality of life, a booming job market, and an outstanding school system. Livability.com recently ranked Brookings as 5th on the Top 10 Small Towns List.

Interesting facts about Brookings and South Dakota:

(Information taken from: <http://www.visitbrookings.sd.com/things-to-do/> and <http://www.travelsouthdakota.com>)

- Brookings is the fourth-largest city in the state of South Dakota.
- Residents enjoy the city's variety of attractions, which include the Children's Museum of South Dakota, Hillcrest Aquatic Center, Dakota Nature Park, McCrory Gardens, and the lively art scene at local museums and galleries.
- Brookings County has a population of 31,965 and the county seat is located in Brookings.
- According to FBI statistics, Brookings' rate of serious crime is 87 percent lower than the national average.
- Based on average housing costs, utilities, health care, transportation, groceries and other services, Brookings' cost of living is 6.1 percent below the national average.
- Brookings has a strong and diversified economy. Manufacturing remains the top industry while high-tech, tourism, retail, health care, business, and information services are growth sectors.



For additional information on Brookings and South Dakota, please visit:

[City of Brookings, http://www.cityofbrookings.org/](http://www.cityofbrookings.org/)

[Brookings Chamber of Commerce, http://www.brookingschamber.org/](http://www.brookingschamber.org/)

[Brookings Convention & Visitors Bureau, http://www.visitbrookings.sd.com/](http://www.visitbrookings.sd.com/)

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