

## Master of Science Degree in Recreation Management and Policy Graduate Assistantships Application

Applications are currently being accepted for a two-year Master of Science degree in Recreation Management and Policy (RMP MS). The RMP MS program offers four unique options to students: 1) [RMP MS in Recreation Administration](#), 2) [RMP MS in Therapeutic Recreation Administration](#), 3) [RMP MS in Adaptive Sport](#), and 4) [RMP and Social Work Dual Degree \(MS/MSW\)](#). The RMP MS Program prepares students for specialized or advanced careers in public, non-profit, private and commercial, agencies and organizations that provide recreation and tourism opportunities around the world. Most graduates of the program will enter professional practice; however, some will advance to doctoral programs.

*A limited number of highly competitive full-time and half-time **Graduate Assistantship positions** are also available for qualified students. Full-time Graduate Assistantship positions include a tuition/fee waiver, an annual graduate stipend valued at approximately \$21,000, other additional benefits, and require 20 hours of work per week throughout the academic year as either a research or teaching assistant. Half-time Graduate Assistantship positions include a half tuition/fee waiver, an annual graduate stipend valued at approximately \$10,000, other additional benefits, and require 10 hours of work per week throughout the academic year as either a research or teaching assistant. **The Graduate Assistant position starts in August.***

### The RMP MS Graduate Assistantship application process has 4 steps:

1. Applicants must attend one of the virtual information sessions with the RMP Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Michael Ferguson ([michael.ferguson@unh.edu](mailto:michael.ferguson@unh.edu)). The four Fall '23 virtual information sessions are:
  - Monday September 25, 2023, at 3pm (EST) via Zoom: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/94069739138>
  - Monday October 23, 2023, at 3pm (EST) via Zoom: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/94069739138>
  - Monday November 13, 2023, at 3pm (EST) via Zoom: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/94069739138>
  - Monday December 4, 2023, at 3pm (EST) via Zoom: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/94069739138>
2. Applicants must apply for admission online to the RMP MS program through the [UNH Graduate School online portal](#).
3. Applicants must directly contact via email the RMP MS faculty member with whom they wish to work and set up a Zoom or phone interview (see below for RMP MS faculty bios and information).
4. Applicants must complete the RMP MS Graduate Assistantship Application and email it directly to Dr. Michael Ferguson ([Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu](mailto:Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu)) no later than December 1.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in therapeutic recreation, adaptive sport, outdoor recreation management, natural resource management, outdoor education, and/or social science research and project management. Any applicants applying for funding must complete all 4 steps and submit all requisite materials no later than December 1, 2023. Specific questions should be directed to the RMP Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Michael Ferguson ([Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu](mailto:Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu)).

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**Graduate Assistantships Application - Basic Questions**

**1. Applicant name:**

**2. Applicant mailing address:**

**3. Applicant telephone number:**

**4. Applicant home country:**

**5. Applicant e-mail address:**

**6. Applicant undergraduate institution:**

**7. Applicant degree/major from undergraduate institution:**

**8. Applicant undergraduate cumulative grade point average:**

**9. RMP MS Option to which you are applying to:**

- Recreation Administration
- Therapeutic Recreation Administration
- Adaptive Sport
- RMP and Social Work Dual Degree (MS/MSW)

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- 1) Recreation Administration,**
- 2) Therapeutic Recreation Administration**
- 3) Adaptive Sport**
- 4) RMP and Social Work Dual Degree (MS/MSW)**

**10. RMP Graduate Assistantship which you are applying for:**

- Full-time assistantship
- Half-time assistantship
- Either full-time or half-time assistantship

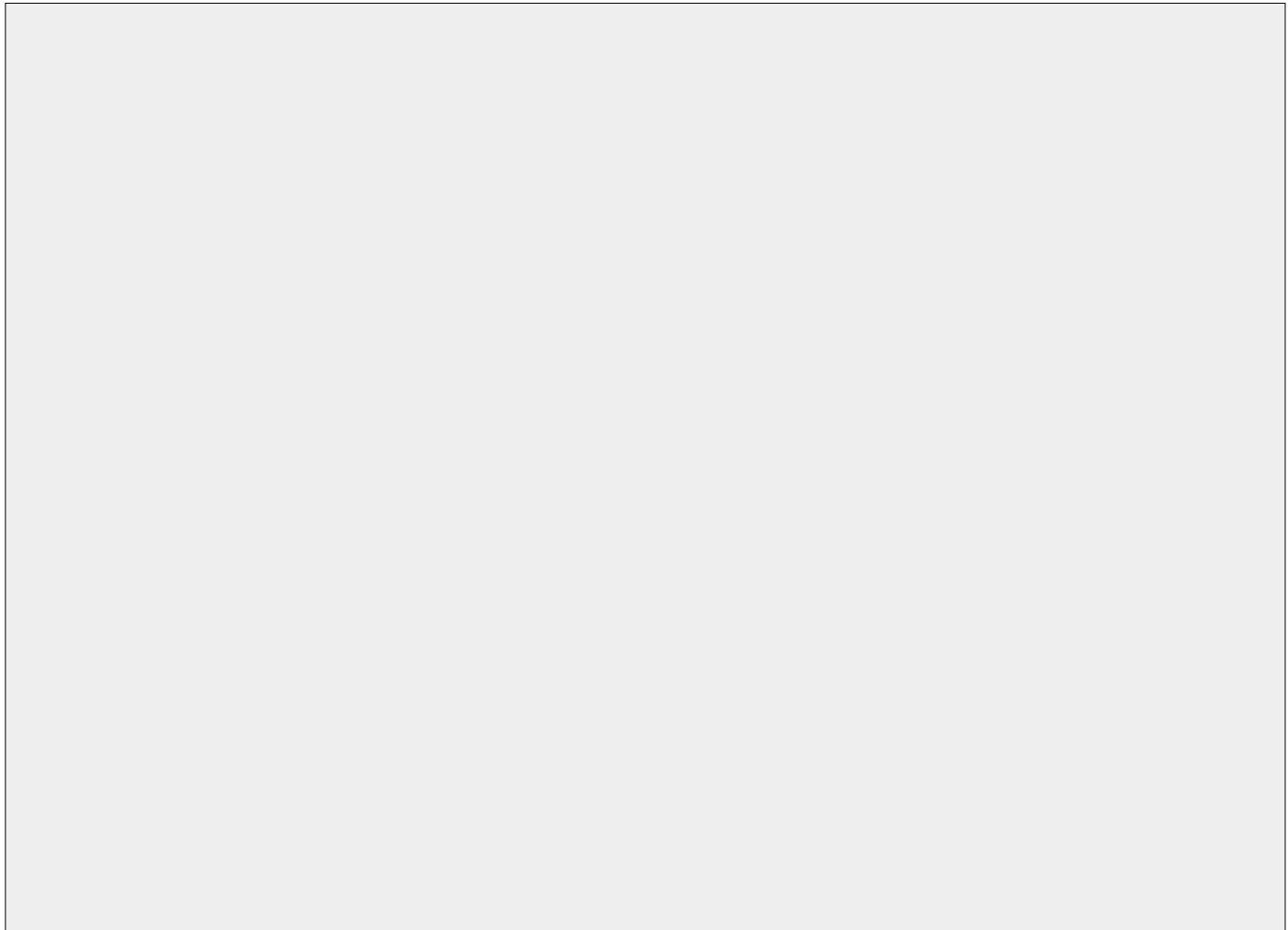
**11. Term to which you are applying for an RMP Graduate Assistantship: Fall 2024 or Fall 2025**

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\*Please provide succinct responses to the following questions. Each response should be limited to a maximum of 300 words.

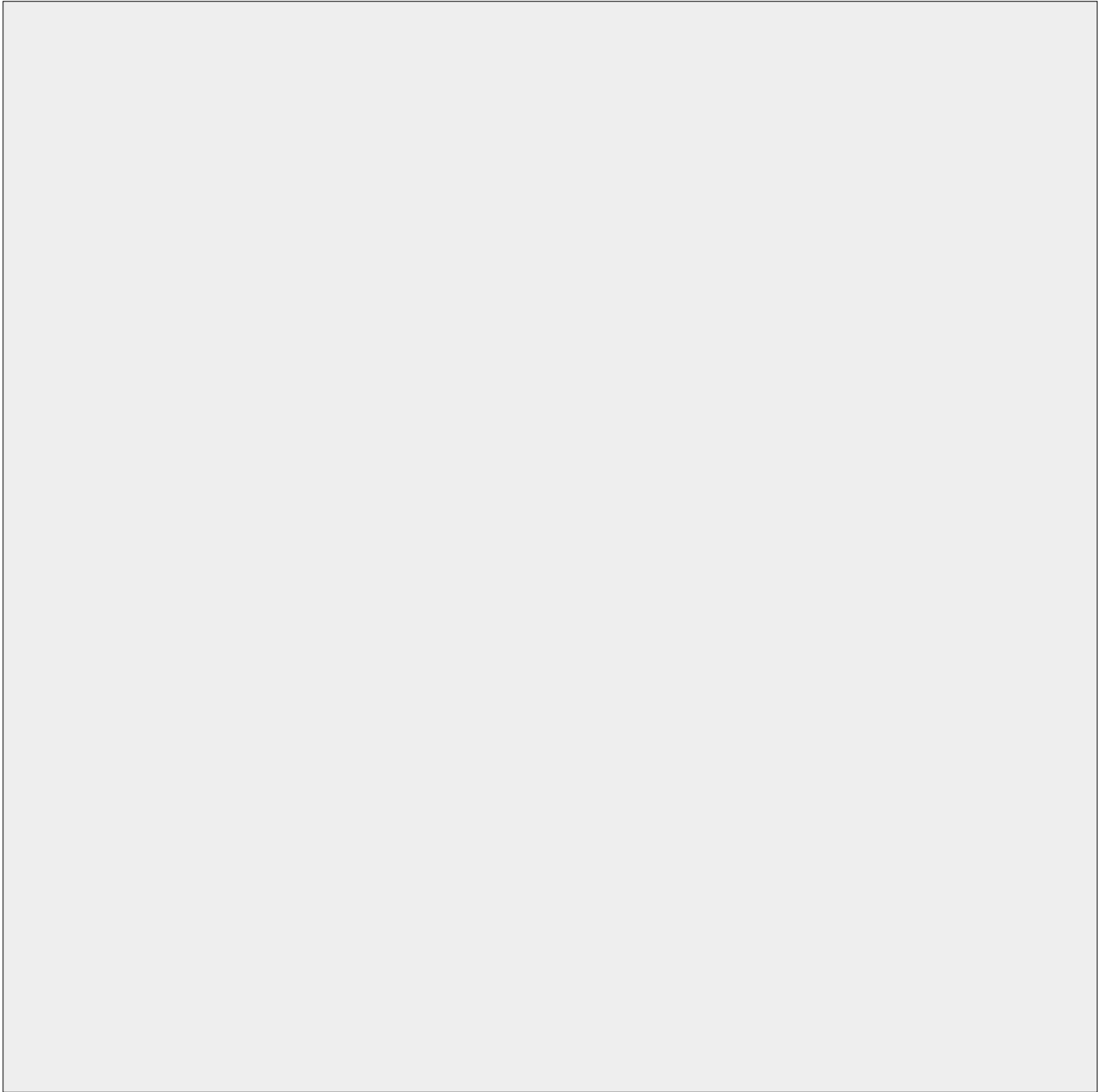
**1. Which specific RMP MS Option are you interested in pursuing and why?**

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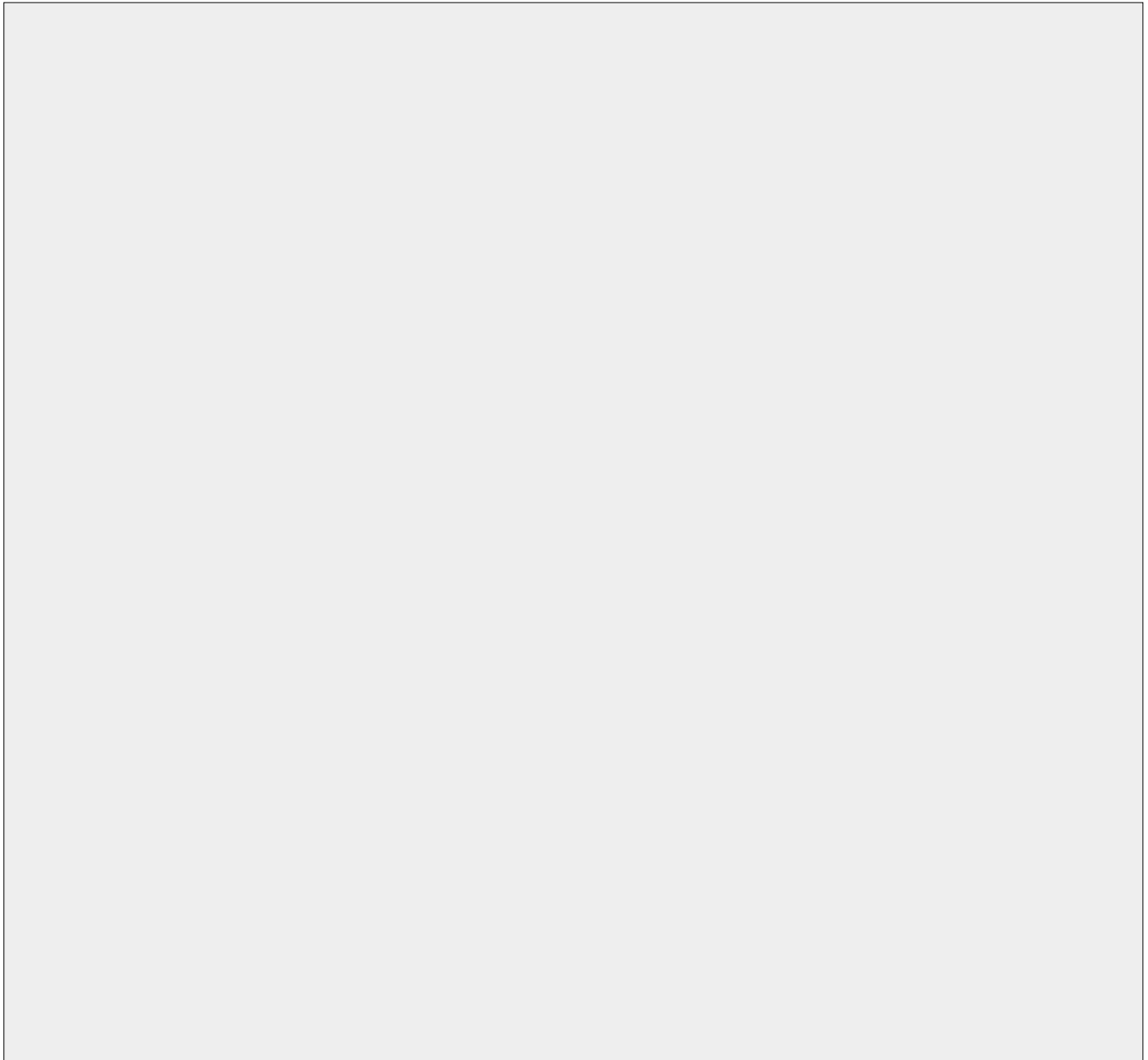
**2. Which specific RMP MS faculty member are you interested in working with and why?**

The RMP MS program consists of 9 graduate faculty members: [Dr. Jayson Seaman](#), [Dr. Brent Bell](#), [Dr. Jessie Bennett](#), [Dr. Guangzhou Chen](#), [Dr. Patricia Craig](#), [Dr. Lauren Ferguson](#), [Dr. Michael Ferguson](#), [Dr. Cindy Hartman](#), and [Dr. Forrest Schwartz](#).



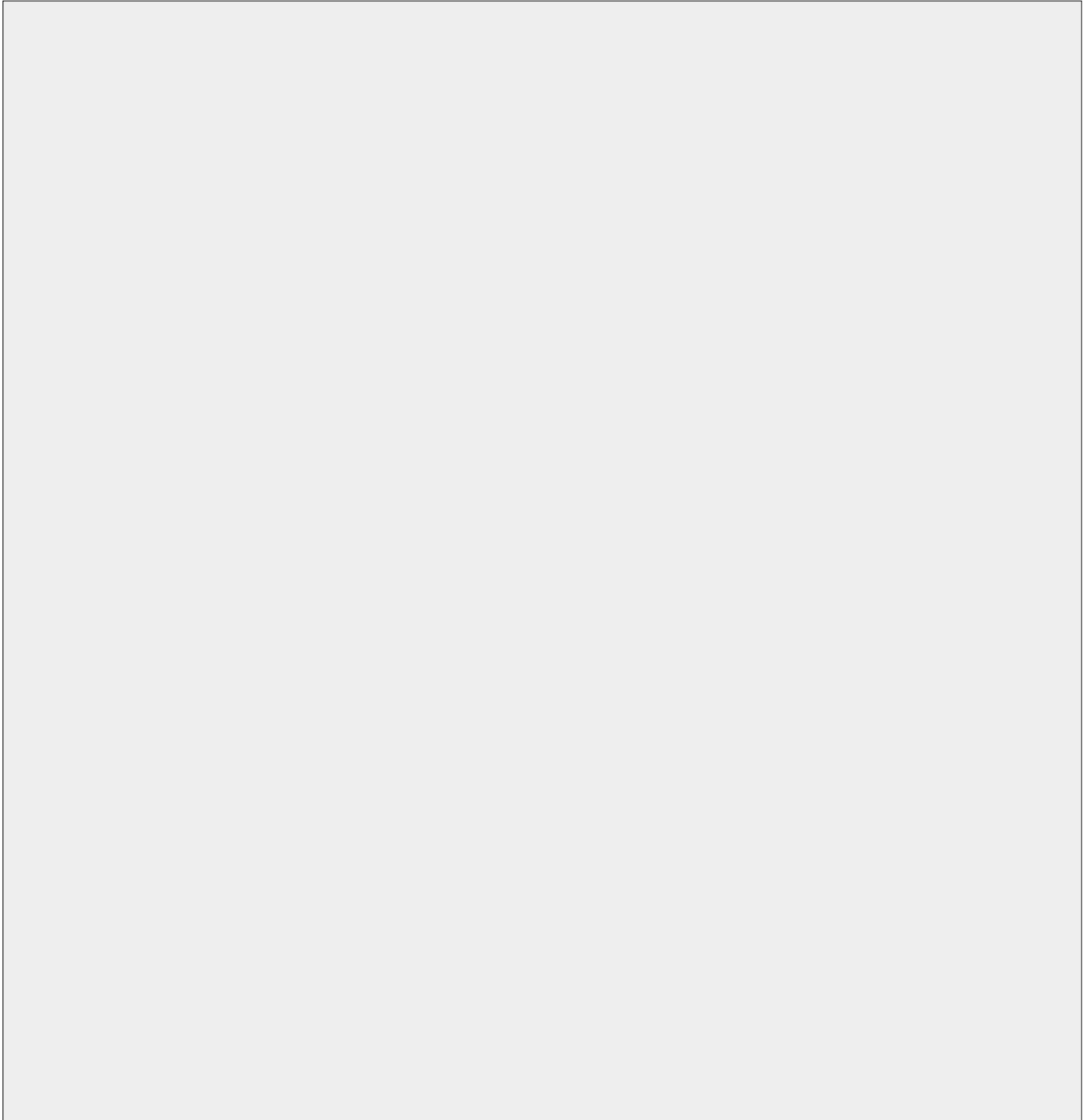
**3. Are you interested in pursuing the RMP MS thesis or portfolio option and why?**

- a. RMP MS thesis students conduct independent research to examine a specific problem/question. The product is a peer-reviewed journal article. This option prepares graduates for either professional practice and/or advanced doctoral programs. For more information, please see the [RMP Graduate Handbook \(pages 15-17\)](#).
- b. RMP MS portfolio students conduct capstone projects in each of their courses to acquire a portfolio of knowledge, skills, and abilities. The product is a comprehensive portfolio of acquired competencies. This option prepares graduates for professional practice. For more information, please see the [RMP Graduate Handbook \(pages 18-20\)](#).



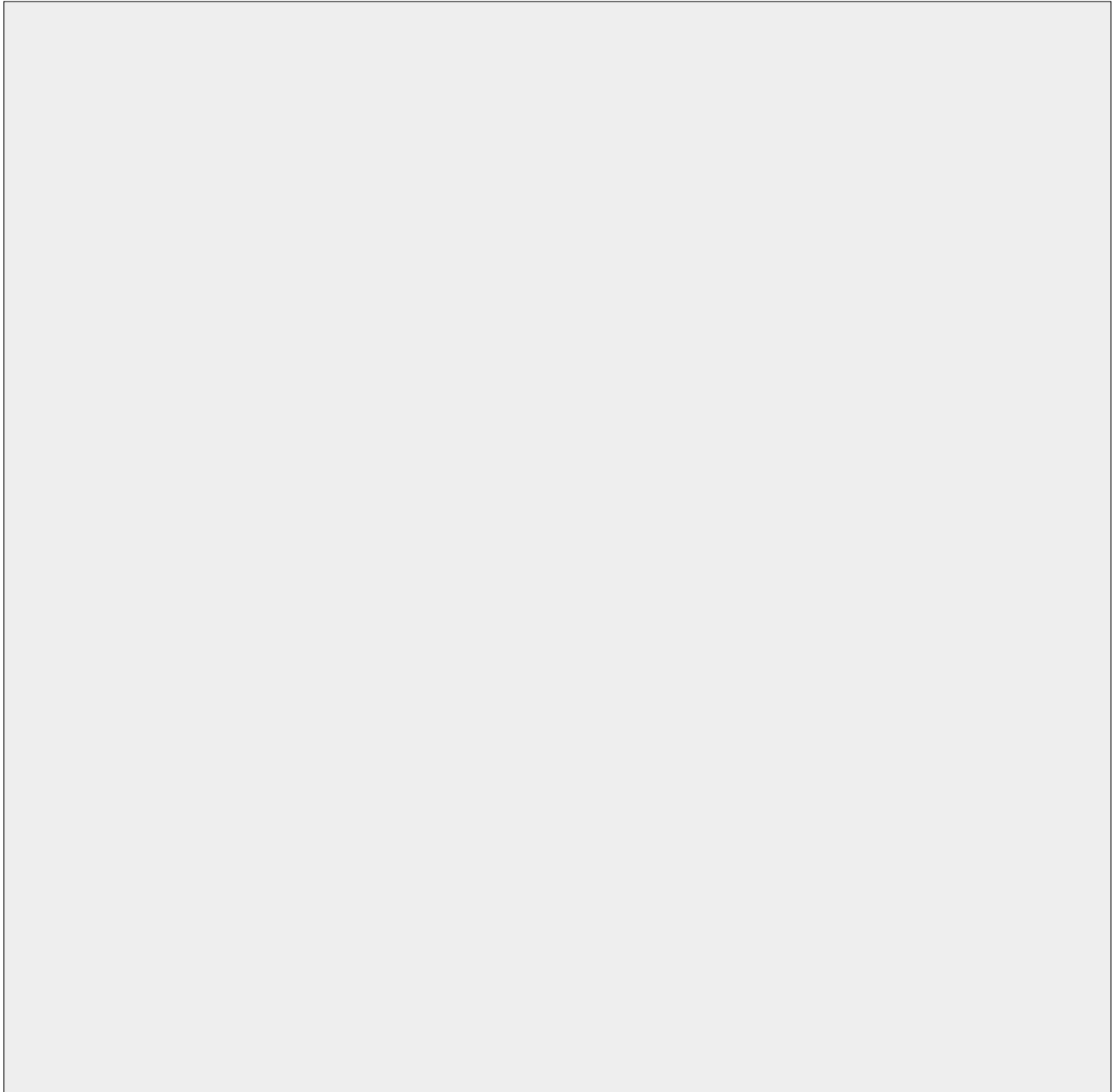
**4. Detail any previous academic and/or work experiences that have prepared you for an MS in RMP. How have these experiences contributed to your academic and professional development?**

Please highlight any awards, honors, or notable achievements that demonstrate your academic excellence and commitment to the field of recreation.



5. **Explain why you are seeking an assistantship and how it will benefit your academic and career goals. What specific skills, knowledge, or perspectives do you bring that would make you a valuable asset to the RMP department?**

Please highlight any prior leadership, teaching, and/or research experiences that demonstrate your ability to excel in the role of a graduate assistant.



6. **Discuss your long-term career goals and how obtaining an assistantship and earning your MS in RMP fits into your overall career trajectory. What impact do you hope to make in the recreation field upon completing your MS degree?**

**\*Once completed, please email this document as a PDF to**

**Dr. Michael Ferguson ([Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu](mailto:Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu) no later than December 1, 2023).**