



Center for Food Safety

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Department of Food Science and Technology and the Center for Food Safety
Position Available

Assistant or Associate Professor of Food Virology, Center for Food Safety, Griffin

100% Research (9 month, Tenure Track)

Date Position Available: August 7, 2017 or as soon as possible thereafter; Applications received by June 1, 2017 are assured of consideration

The successful candidate will develop a research program in the area of food virology and contribute to outreach programs of the Center for Food Safety. A Ph.D. in Virology, Food Microbiology, Food Science (with an emphasis on Food Microbiology), or closely related field will be highly desired. Postdoctoral and experience with microbial genetics, genomics or bioinformatics would be advantageous. Candidates should either demonstrate the track record (Associate Professor) or show the potential (Assistant Professor) to obtain external funding to support their research program. Candidates must demonstrate excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams.

Specific responsibilities include: (1) conduct research on methods for detecting and controlling foodborne viruses capable of causing human illness; (2) establish an extramurally funded research program; (3) establish a strong record of scholarly activity; (4) direct PhD and MS degree students and postdoctoral associates; and (5) work cooperatively with other faculty and staff and with food industry personnel. The selected candidate will also be a member of the Department of Food Science and Technology. The individual in this position will be expected to achieve a record of scholarly activity as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications, successful extramural funding and success in mentoring graduate students.

Applicants must send: (1) letter of application; (2) a curriculum vitae detailing background and capability to conduct research and outreach; (3) undergraduate and graduate transcripts; and (4) names, addresses, telephone numbers; and e-mail addresses of four professional references that the search committee may contact. Application materials and unofficial transcripts should be sent electronically to Brenda Banister, (bbanist5@uga.edu), Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia, 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223-1797 Tel: 770-228-7284; Fax: 770-229-3216. Inquiries about this position should be directed to Dr. Ynes Ortega, Search Committee Chair, (ortega@uga.edu).

Candidates will have the opportunity to work on collaborative projects with a wide variety of groups including those on campus and local federal agencies. Selected candidates will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University of Georgia.

The University of Georgia (<http://www.uga.edu/>) a land-grant/sea-grant university, is ranked among the top 20 public universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 edition of America's Best Colleges. The university is recognized as a research intensive and community engaged institution by the Carnegie Foundation. The Department of Food Science and Technology (<http://www.foodscience.caes.uga.edu/>) and the Center for Food Safety (www.ugacfs.org) are units of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

The University of Georgia is an EEO/AA/Vet/Disability Institution. As such, we are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. We not only strongly encourage women, minorities and other diverse candidates to consider applying for this position, but we also maintain that all candidates should share our commitment to diversity and inclusion. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status.