Assistant/Associate Professor – Food Science Extension Specialist with 70% Extension and 30% Research Appointment (12 month, Tenure Track)
Department of Food Science and Technology (Athens Campus)
Position Available: March 1, 2018

Qualifications: The Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia is seeking a highly motivated and creative individual to develop Extension and research programs in the area of food safety and/or food processing. A completed PhD in Food Science or equivalent program is required with demonstrated expertise in food safety and food processing. Candidates should be familiar with FDA and USDA regulatory activities and policies. At least 1 year of postdoctoral or prior academic experience is desired. Candidates should either demonstrate the track record (Associate Professor) or show the potential (Assistant Professor) to obtain external funding to support their Extension and research programs. The candidates must demonstrate excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams.

Responsibilities: The successful applicant will provide leadership and scholarship in food safety or food processing outreach and research. Specific responsibilities include: (1) develop Extension programs and materials for delivery to working professionals in the food industry and regulatory agencies; (2) develop and deliver timely, professional food safety or food processing information to County Agents and the general public as needed; (3) obtain extramural funds to support Extension and research programs; (4) establish a strong record of scholarly activity, and (5) direct PhD and MS degree students and postdoctoral associates. The successful candidate will actively participate in the research and Extension activities in the Department of Food Science and Technology. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work on collaborative projects with a wide variety of groups including those on campus and local and federal agencies. Areas of particular interest for future research include transmission and ecology of foodborne pathogens and spoilage organisms in fresh and processed foods. 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 delivering timely, professional Extension programs and mentoring graduate students.

Application Procedure: Applicants must go to http://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/2410 and upload: (1) a letter of application; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) undergraduate and graduate transcripts; (4) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of four professional references that the search committee may contact; and (5) one-page summaries outlining their Extension and research visions. Inquiries about this position should be directed to Dr. Mark A. Harrison mahfst@uga.edu. The selected candidate will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University of Georgia. Full description and application instructions are available on the UGA Food Science website at: http://www.foodscience.caes.uga.edu/.

Deadline: Applications must be received by September 15, 2017. Any applications received after that date will be considered only if suitable candidates are not identified.

The University Department & Community: The University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia, 70 miles northeast of Atlanta (http://www.uga.edu/). The university, 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/) is a unit of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Athens offers a rich cultural environment interconnected with the university and is perennially identified as one of America’s most livable cities (http://www.visitathensga.com/about-athens/).

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