



Center for Food Safety

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

Position Available

Assistant or Associate Professor of Microbial Food Safety, Center for Food Safety, Griffin, GA

100% Research (9 month, Tenure Track)

Date Position Available: April 1, 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter; Applications received by January 10, 2018 are assured of consideration

The successful candidate will develop a research program in Food Safety Microbiology and contribute to outreach programs of the Center for Food Safety. This position will be responsible for conducting research that addresses relevant microbial food safety issues. Areas of emphasis might include microbial physiology, genomics of foodborne pathogens, novel methods of detection, spoilage control, technologies for microbial contamination reduction, natural antimicrobial strategies, and traceability of pathogenic microorganisms.

Minimum qualifications: A Ph.D. in Food Microbiology, Microbiology, Food Science (with an emphasis on Food Microbiology), or closely related field will be required. Associate Professor candidates must additionally demonstrate a proven track record of obtaining external funding to support their research program.

Preferred qualifications: A year or more of postdoctoral or industry experience. All candidates should demonstrate potential to obtain external funding to support their research program. The successful candidate will be expected to possess excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams.

Specific responsibilities include: (1) conduct research on areas relevant to the position; (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, 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) unofficial 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 submitted online at <https://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/3038>.

Inquiries about this position should be directed to Dr. Xiangyu Deng, Search Committee Chair, xdeng@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. Candidates who have held tenure previously at an academic institution and who have a demonstrably national reputation will be eligible for tenure on appointment, pending approval of the University Administration.

The University of Georgia Griffin Campus is located in Griffin, GA, 40 miles south of Atlanta (<https://www.griffin.uga.edu/about/uga-griffin>). 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 2017 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. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (facultyjobs@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.