UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Department of Food Science and Technology
Position Announcement

Assistant/Associate Professor – Tenure Track

Academic Rank: Assistant or Associate Professor
Position: Food Microbiology
Appointment: 35% Teaching, 65% Research (9 month, Tenure Track)

Qualifications: The Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia is seeking a highly motivated and creative individual to develop teaching and research in the area of food microbiology and food safety. A completed PhD in Food Science, Microbiology, or equivalent program is required with demonstrated expertise in food microbiology and food safety. 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 research program. The candidates must demonstrate excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams. The selected candidate will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University of Georgia.

Responsibilities: The successful applicant will provide leadership and scholarship in food microbiology and food safety teaching and research. Specific responsibilities include: (1) develop and teach undergraduate/graduate courses equivalent to 8 credits in the Food Science curriculum; (2) establish an extramurally funded research program; (3) establish a strong record of scholarly activity, and (4) direct PhD and MS degree students and postdoctoral associates. The successful candidate will actively participate in the teaching, research, and service activities in the Department of Food Science and Technology including participation in global programs. Candidate will have the opportunity to work on collaborative projects with a wide variety of groups including those on campus and local federal agencies. The selected candidate will also be a member of the UGA Center for Food Safety. Areas of particular interest for future research include transmission and ecology of foodborne pathogens and spoilage organisms, and risk assessment. 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 teaching university-level courses and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students.

Application Procedure: Applicants must send: (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) a one-page summary each outlining research and teaching visions. Application materials and unofficial transcripts should be sent electronically to dlord@uga.edu. Paper transcript(s) from the issuing institution(s) should be sent to the attention of the Food Microbiologist Search Committee, UGA Department of Food Science and Technology, 100 Cedar Street, Athens, GA 30602. Inquiries about this position should be directed to Dr. Mark A. Harrison mahfst@uga.edu or 706-542-1088.

Deadline: To assure full consideration, applications should be received by February 1, 2016 or until a suitable candidate is 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 is a unit of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (http://www.foodscience.caes.uga.edu/). 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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