UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Department of Food Science and Technology
Position Announcement

Academic Rank: Assistant Professor
Position: Food Microbiology
Appointment: 40% Teaching, 60% Research (9-month, Tenure Track)
Position Available: January 2020 - application review will begin July 1, 2019

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. Candidates should show the potential to obtain external funding to support their research program and must also demonstrate excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and a willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams.

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. The final candidate will also have the opportunity to work on collaborative projects with a wide variety of groups such as Center for Food Safety and other departments. Areas of particular interest for future research include transmission and ecology of foodborne pathogens and spoilage organisms, and techniques for their control. 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; (5) a one-page summary outlining research vision, and (6) a one-page summary outlining teaching vision. Applications must be submitted through UGAJobs http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/86046 in order to be considered for this position. Additionally, all application materials should be sent to jesmar@uga.edu. Inquiries about this position should be directed to Dr. Ronald Pegg, rpegg@uga.edu or 706-542-1099. The selected candidate will be required to submit a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with University of Georgia.

Deadline: Review of applications will begin July 1, 2019 and will continue 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 (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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