



**Director Food Processing Innovation and Commercialization Center (FoodPIC) Department
of Food Science and Technology – Griffin Campus**

Position: FoodPIC Director - 80% Extension, 20% Research

Qualifications: The Department of Food Science and Technology (FST) at the University of Georgia (UGA) is seeking a highly motivated and creative individual to provide leadership for the FoodPIC on UGA's Griffin campus. The candidate is expected to have expertise in the food product and process development.

- Ph.D. in food science, chemical / bioprocess engineering, chemistry, microbiology, or closely related fields.
- Minimum of 10 years of professional experience preferred with a proven background in food and agricultural industry and/or research and extension in academia.
- Evidence of senior leadership and supervisory experience with technical/professional staff.
- Experience in direction of research and development, product and process development, outreach, and engagement programs.
- Strong written and oral communication and interpersonal skills.

Responsibilities: The Department of Food Science and Technology seeks applicants with expertise in product development and food processing for the position of FoodPIC director. The FoodPIC director will be responsible for the overall leadership and management of the FoodPIC and report to the Department Head of Food Science and Technology within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The director will have responsibility and authority for all center activities, budget, facilities, and personnel. Specific responsibilities will include:

- Collaborate with federal and state agencies as well as food processing and allied industries to generate interest in the center.
- Provide innovative leadership in engagement of food entrepreneurs and networks within the state, national, and global food industry, and researchers with the purpose of generating activities aligned with the center's overall goal of stimulating food manufacturing economy within the State of GA. This includes close collaboration with UGA Extension programs.
- Develop strategic partnerships with the food industry and equipment manufacturers to integrate their equipment with FoodPIC's technologies and expertise.
- Work with industry partners, entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders to effectively utilize the center's facilities and equipment in creating new food products and processes.
- Supervise FoodPIC personnel and manage income and budgets.
- Provide research, development, manufacturing services including training and outreach to the food industry clientele specific to their products and processes.
- Develop a business plan linked to fee-for-service aimed to generate sufficient revenue through contracts, workshops, and other activities including grants to support personnel and future growth of the center.
- Work closely with the extension, research, and teaching faculty within the UGA FST and collaborate with other units within the UGA to make the FoodPIC center a premier center of excellence.
- Coordinate and manage the day-to-day operation and activities of FoodPIC.
- Participate directly in food industry research with assistance of staff and students.
- Other duties of this position will involve working with FoodPIC advisory board; serving as a clearing house of opportunities available in food processing technologies and food product development; and collaboratively working with other centers in the state and finding suitable partners.

Position Summary: The successful candidate will be appointed as a Tenure-Track (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor) or a Non-tenure Track Public Service and Outreach (Public Service Assistant, Public Service Associate, or Senior Public Service Associate) faculty member. Tenure upon appointment will be considered at the Associate and Full Professor level.

Additional**Requirements:**

To be considered for the Tenure-Track Ranks (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor), candidates must meet the requirements listed in the [UGA Guidelines for Appointment, Promotion and Tenure of Academic Rank Faculty](#) (beginning on pg 21).

To be eligible for tenure upon appointment, candidates must be appointed as an associate or full professor, have been tenured at a prior institution, and bring a demonstrably national reputation to the institution. Candidates must be approved for tenure upon appointment before hire.

To be considered for the Public Service and Outreach Ranks (Public Service Assistant, Public Service Associate, or Senior Public Service Associate), candidates must meet the requirements listed in the [Guidelines for Appointments and Promotion Public Service and Outreach Faculty Rank](#) (beginning on pg 3).

Applications:

Applicants must submit: (1) a letter of application; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) 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 visions for FoodPIC, Extension and Research programs via <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/221956> in order to be considered for this position. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Yen-con Hung (yhung@uga.edu). The selected candidate will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University of Georgia.

Starting Salary:

Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Deadline:

Applications received by November 1, 2021, will receive full consideration. Review of applications will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

Position Available: Preferred start date is January 1, 2022.

The University of Georgia (UGA) Food Product Innovation and Commercialization (FoodPIC) Center's mission is to assist food companies and entrepreneurs in product and process development; to promote competitiveness; and to create economic impact in Georgia, the Southeast, and beyond. The Georgia food industry is growing and vibrant; it is comprised of approximately 1000 small, medium and large companies employing roughly 60,000 people. The Center is located on the University's Griffin Campus 40 miles south of Atlanta city center and 35 miles from Atlanta International Airport. The Food Science and Technology faculty on Griffin campus created the charter for this center several years ago on paper using the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences (CAES) resources. Funding for the director's position (state appropriated funds) and one staff position for this center come from CAES. The Center also has a dedicated ~17,000 sq. ft. building (\$7.5 million facility) with offices, labs and three climate-controlled pilot processing rooms. The University of Georgia is a land-grant/sea-grant university, is ranked among the top 15 public universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2021 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.

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 (hrweb@uga.edu).