Position Title: Assistant Extension Professor and Food Scientist (id:32503)
Department: Cooperative Extension
Bargaining Unit: AFUM

Purpose: The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the School of Food and Agriculture invite applications for a full-time, fiscal-year, continuing contract eligible faculty appointment as Assistant Extension Professor and Food Scientist, effective July 1, 2016. This position is joint appointment—a 90% Extension appointment and a 10% teaching appointment through the School of Food and Agriculture. This position will be housed at the University of Maine in Orono. This position will provide additional support for Cooperative Extension and the School of Food and Agriculture's food science programs specializing in food safety and applied research. The faculty member, in partnership with county and campus-based Extension staff and UMaine faculty, will develop and assist educational programming and applied research focused on food safety and other food science related areas. The position will address the wide spectrum of food science and safety needs with a priority for the needs of Maine food businesses. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and teach one graduate course every other year in an area of their expertise. Possible class examples could be Food Fermentation, Food Preservation, etc. The position will conduct applied research and scholarship in collaboration with colleagues within Cooperative Extension, the UMaine School of Food and Agriculture, and others. This faculty member will assist with food preservation programming and provide support for consumer food safety education.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Design, implement, evaluate and communicate to stakeholders a Plan of Work that aligns with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension mission and addresses high priority food safety and other food science needs to businesses and consumers.
- Perform applied research in the areas of food safety and food science.
- Work in partnership with Extension faculty and staff, county and campus-based colleagues, and statewide partners to: develop and conduct educational programs for stakeholders, Cooperative Extension staff and other professionals, work independently and as part of teams, on issues related to food safety and food science.
- Serve as a resource for timely and relevant food safety and food science information for faculty, professional and hourly staff within Cooperative Extension, and for statewide agency professionals.
- Build and sustain linkages and collaborate with colleagues in Cooperative Extension, the School of Food and Agriculture and other relevant academic departments on issues related to food safety and food science.
- Serve in a leadership role for the food safety network within Cooperative Extension.
• Provide food safety education/information to food businesses where relevant including HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) certification workshops and FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) programming.
• Support the acidified Food Process Authorities.
• Teach one graduate course every other year. Possible topics include Food Fermentation, Food Preservation, etc.
• Work as part of a team with external agencies and organizations to address multi-county, state, multi-state and national issues related to food safety and food science.
• Provide technical support to Cooperative Extension staff, and via Cooperative Extension Publications Catalog, on food safety and food preservation.
• Provide timely and accurate information in response to public requests for information, including being a member of the Extension Nutrition, Food Safety and Food Preservation Call Team.
• Disseminate the results of applied research and other scholarly work.
• Participate in local, regional, and state program development teams.
• Develop and sustain a professional development plan in support of one's Plan of Work.
• Develop and maintain professional relationships that reflect courtesy, civility, and mutual respect.
• Build productive relationships with internal and external constituencies.
• Ensure compliance with civil rights, affirmative action, and equal opportunity requirements.
• Hire, orient and supervise professionals, hourly, and/or student employees as appropriate, including conducting or participating in required performance evaluations, and providing safety and environmental management oversight.
• Contribute to University of Maine Cooperative Extension’s overall marketing initiatives as part of one's Plan of Work.
• Perform other reasonably related duties as assigned.

**Knowledge, Skills & Qualifications:**

Required:

• Ph.D. in Food Science or closely related field by date of hire.
• Teaching/education experience
• Demonstrated skills in designing, delivering, and evaluating educational programs.
• Successful applied research experience.
• Knowledge and experience with food safety procedures including HACCP and sanitation.
• Knowledge in conducting scholarly work.
• Demonstrated effective oral, written, and electronic media communication skills.
• Demonstrated effective team and independent work skills; must be self-motivated and directed with the ability to achieve goals and manage multiple tasks in an autonomous work environment.
• Demonstrated computer and educational technology skills.
- Ability to travel, usually requiring a valid driver's license, both in- and out-of-state, with reimbursement at the contract rate.
- Work schedule flexibility to meet client needs.

Preferred:

- Experience with Extension educational program development, delivery and evaluation.
- HACCP certified (Meat and Poultry, Juice and/or Seafood).
- Knowledge of or experience in grant writing.
- Knowledge of or exposure to produce safety (growing, storage, and processing)
- Knowledge of or exposure to meat and poultry processing.
- Demonstrated experience working with diverse audiences and knowledge of equal opportunity, affirmative action and civil rights policies.
- Demonstrated successful supervisory experience.

Appropriate background checks are required.

All UMS employees are required to comply with applicable policies and procedures, as well as to complete applicable workplace related screenings, and required employee trainings, such as Information Security, Safety Training, Workplace Violence, and Sexual Harassment.

Materials must be submitted via "Apply For Position". You will need to create a profile and application, upload a letter of intent addressing the specific job requirements, updated curriculum vitae, and three (3) current professional references (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and relationship to applicant) that may be contacted. **Incomplete application materials cannot be considered. Review of applications will begin April 30, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled.**

**The University of Maine is an EEO/AA Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.**

**Length:**
Fiscal Year (12 Months)

**Required Documents:**
Cover Letter, Resume/CV