Position: Tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor position at Purdue University with extension and teaching responsibilities in food processing (9-month academic year appointment plus two months of summer pay due to primary Extension appointment). The successful candidate will join a 21-member faculty in the Department of Food Science housed in the Philip E. Nelson Hall of Food Science building on the main campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Opportunities also exist for an appointment in the top ranked Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering at Purdue University.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in food, agricultural, or chemical engineering or related field. Experience in the food/beverage industry is a plus.

Responsibilities: The Department of Food Science seeks applicants with expertise in food process engineering for an extension faculty member with a secondary appointment in teaching. The individual will support and advance the food and beverage industries in Indiana through expertise in processing/preservation technologies. Complimentary areas beneficial for the position include packaging systems, ingredient technology, toxicology, regulatory guidance, or microbial-based manufacturing. Purdue University recognizes and supports interdisciplinary programs. As such, the incumbent will be encouraged to collaborate with other faculty members across the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Science.

The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized extension program that supports current Indiana-based food industries as well as aids new and developing food companies. The successful program may include seated and/or distance education workshops, independent and collaborative research that addresses stakeholder needs, and collaboration with faculty in fields related to business and marketing to fully support food entrepreneurs. With a growing industry based in fermentation technologies, there are opportunities for the successful candidate to develop an understanding of and support this science. Academic responsibilities may include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in or related to thermal processing, beverage production, fermentations, and/or packaging.

The Department is an integral part of the College of Agriculture, one of the world’s leading colleges of agricultural, food, life, and natural resource sciences and ranked number 5 globally in the 2015 QS World University Rankings. The College is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (learning, discovery, and engagement), to international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and to supporting a diverse and inclusive environment focused on excellence in all we do. Purdue is an ADVANCE institution – www.purdue.edu/dp/advance. The College has 11 academic departments and includes 325 faculty, 2700 undergraduate students, and 677 graduate students. The College’s strategic plan can be accessed at https://ag.purdue.edu/plan.

Appointment and Salary: Assistant/Associate Professor (9-month academic year appointment plus two months of summer pay due to primary Extension appointment). Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. A background check will be required for employment in this position.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin March 21, 2016, and continue until the position is filled.

Application: Submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, contact information for three professional references and a statement of extension and teaching interests to the address below.

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