Assistant Professor of Food Safety Epidemiology/Bioinformatics, Center for Food Safety, Griffin
100% Research (12 month, Tenure Track)
Date Position Available: March 1, 2017 or as soon as possible thereafter; Applications received by October 10, 2016 are assured of consideration

The successful candidate will develop a research program in the area of food safety epidemiology/bioinformatics and contribute to outreach programs of the Center for Food Safety. A Ph.D. in Epidemiology, Bioinformatics, Food Microbiology, or closely related field is required. At least 1 year of postdoctoral or prior academic experience with microbial genetics or bioinformatics is desired. Candidates should show the potential to obtain external funding to support their research program. Candidates must demonstrate excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams.

Specific responsibilities include: (1) conduct research on food safety epidemiology and/or bioinformatics (2) establish an extramurally funded research program; (3) establish a strong record of scholarly activity; (4) direct PhD and MS degree students and postdoctoral associates; and (5) work cooperatively with other faculty and staff and with food industry personnel. The selected candidate will also be a member of the Department of Food Science and Technology. 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 mentoring graduate students.

Applicants must send: (1) letter of application; (2) a curriculum vitae detailing background and capability to conduct research and outreach; (3) undergraduate and graduate transcripts; and (4) names, addresses, telephone numbers; and e-mail addresses of four professional references that the search committee may contact. Application materials and unofficial transcripts should be sent electronically to bbanist5@uga.edu or to Food Safety Epidemiology/Bioinformatics Search Committee, Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia, 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223-1797 Tel: 770-228-7284; Fax: 770-229-3216. Inquiries about this position should be directed to Dr. Ynes Ortega at Ortega@uga.edu

Candidates will have the opportunity to work on collaborative projects with a wide variety of groups including those on campus and some federal agencies. Selected candidates will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University of Georgia.

The University of Georgia (http://www.uga.edu/) 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/) and the Center for Food Safety (www.ugacfs.org) are units 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 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status.