



College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Position Announcement: Assistant/Associate Professor - Extension Food Processing Specialist
Department of Food Science and Technology

Position: 70% Extension, 30% Research (9-month academic year with summer supplement, Tenure Track)

Qualifications: The Department of Food Science and Technology at UGA is seeking a highly motivated and creative individual to develop an Extension and Research program in the area of food process engineering. A Ph.D. in food, agricultural, bioprocess engineering, chemical engineering or related field is required. Expertise in the food/beverage industry is a plus. The ideal candidate will demonstrate the ability to obtain external funding to support their research and extension program, excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and a willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams.

Responsibilities: The Department of Food Science and Technology seeks applicants with expertise in food process engineering for an Extension faculty member with a secondary appointment in Research. The individual will support and advance the food and beverage industries in Georgia through expertise in processing/preservation technologies. Complimentary areas beneficial for the position include packaging systems, ingredient technology, toxicology, regulatory guidance, or microbial-based manufacturing. The University of Georgia recognizes and supports interdisciplinary programs. As such, the incumbent will be encouraged to collaborate with other faculty members across the Colleges of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, and Family and Consumer Sciences. The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized Extension program that supports current Georgia-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 including food process approvals. With the growing number of food industries, there are many opportunities for the candidate to provide processors with the latest scientific and technical innovations to support the success and growth of their businesses. Research areas may include thermal and non-thermal processing, beverage production, fermentations, and/or packaging.

For the rank of Assistant Professor, candidates do not need a minimum number of years in a lower rank unless the initial appointment was at the instructor level at the University of Georgia (https://provost.uga.edu/faculty-affairs/UGA_Guidelines_for_APT_approved_2_2020.pdf). To be considered at the rank of Associate Professor, candidates must have at least 5 full years in rank at the Assistant Professor level before the start date. Appointment, Promotion, & Tenure of Academic Rank Faculty can be found here: https://provost.uga.edu/faculty-affairs/UGA_Guidelines_for_APT_approved_2_2020.pdf. Discipline-specific criteria and procedures for promotion and tenure can be found at: https://provost.uga.edu/_resources/documents/food-science-and-technology-2018.pdf.

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 Extension and Research visions via <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/201768> in order to be considered for this position. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. William Kerr (wlkerr@uga.edu). The selected candidate will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University.

Deadline: Applications received by August 1, 2021, will receive full consideration. Review of applications will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The preferred start date is January 1, 2022.

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 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. 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/>).

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).