Assistant/Associate Professor - Food Safety Extension Specialist and Researcher

Position: Tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor position at Purdue University with extension and research responsibilities (9-month academic year appointment plus two months of summer pay due to primary Extension appointment). The successful candidate will join a 23-member faculty in the Department of Food Science housed in Philip E. Nelson Hall of Food Science on the main campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in food science, food microbiology, microbiology, food engineering, or related field required. Candidates will be strongly considered who have research interests associated with food-related microorganisms (probiotics, viruses, fermentation, spoilage, and current and emerging foodborne pathogens). Applicants should have excellent communication skills, the ability to work in teams and solve problems, and the ability to work in collaborative environments for effective interchanges with clients, regulatory agencies, and media. Preference for candidates with knowledge and experience in microbiological, chemical and/or toxicological aspects of food safety.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate is expected to develop a nationally recognized program, and will participate in and/or lead Extension and research teams in integrated multidisciplinary projects among campus-wide collaborators. Extension responsibilities will include development of training programs and workshops with supporting educational materials for FDA, USDA or state regulated food producers, processors and extension field staff. Research program is expected to complement and support Extension programming to target audiences. Research may address basic and/or applied issues relative to food safety topics at any point from pre-harvest to post-harvest food systems. The successful candidate will be expected to secure external extension and research funds, to advise graduate and undergraduate research students, and to engage in national and international activities. While this position has primary extension and research responsibilities, the candidate is expected to contribute to the teaching of undergraduate and/or graduate level courses.

Multidisciplinary collaborative opportunities in food safety exist with Purdue faculty in various departments on campus: Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Nutrition Science, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Biological Sciences, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Botany and Plant Pathology, and Veterinary Medicine. Various Centers also are available for collaboration. The Whistler Center for Carbohydrate Research and the Center for Food Safety Engineering are within the Department of Food Science.

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 eighth globally in the 2016 QS World University Rankings. The College is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (teaching, research, and extension), 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 337 faculty, 2736 undergraduate students, and 699 graduate students. The College’s strategic plan can be accessed at https://ag.purdue.edu/plan/Pages/default.aspx.

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 January 3, 2017, 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 research interests to the address below.

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