

THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE
Department of Food Science

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant or Associate Professor of Food Microbiology
9-month, tenure-track position (70% Research, 30% Teaching)

Location: Knoxville, Tennessee

Effective Date: Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2023 and continue until the position is filled.

Responsibilities: The Department of Food Science at the University of Tennessee seeks outstanding candidates for a full-time, 9 month tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor to perform research in the growing area of microbial communities. The successful applicant will develop a high-impact, nationally recognized research and teaching program focusing on interactions between microbiomes/microbial communities of human foods, processing environments, fermentation products, and processes to improve food safety, quality, and human health. Successful candidates will develop courses related to identification, characterization, and functionality of food and human microbial communities to inform food fermentations, food processing, food safety interventions, and public health interventions.

Required Qualifications: An earned doctorate in Food Science or closely related field with a concentration in food microbiology, microbiology, metagenomics, or a related field. Candidates should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills. Candidates may be considered for the position at the rank of Associate Professor pending a record of research, scholarship, and professional accomplishments commensurate with that rank.

Desired Qualifications:

- Evidence of scholarship through scientific presentations and publications
- Experience in grant-writing
- Relevant research and teaching experience beyond the Ph.D. degree
- Knowledge of food production systems
- Evidence of the ability to collaborate with diverse audiences

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The Department of Food Science resides within the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and adheres to the three-pronged mission of land grant universities by providing quality research, teaching, and extension. The Department offers BS, MS, and PhD degrees and currently has 13 full-time faculty members with expertise

in diverse areas of food chemistry, food microbiology, food processing and engineering, and food sensory science. For more information about the Department, visit our web site at: <http://foodscience.tennessee.edu/>.

Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Details are available at: <https://hr.tennessee.edu/benefits/>.

Application: Applicants should submit a single pdf file with 1) a letter of application, 2) a curriculum vitae detailing education background qualifications, experience, and publications, 3) a one-page statement describing research plans and goals, 4) a one-page statement of teaching philosophy and plans to develop appropriate courses as described under “Responsibilities”, 5) names and contact information (including e-mail addresses) of three individuals who will serve as references.

Inquiries to the position can be directed to:

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