POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #0001-4210

Title: Professor and Chair

Location: Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Deadline: Review of application materials will begin on or before April 6, 2007, and will continue until position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
The Chair of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition provides vision in planning, developing, and implementing departmental programs in teaching, research, and extension; intellectual and philosophical leadership of faculty, staff, and students for synergistic academic, research, extension, and outreach programs; leadership in recruiting and fostering academic growth and professional development of faculty, staff, and students; administration of the Department’s human and financial resources; and leadership for continued acquisition of internal and external resources.

The Chair administers state, national, and international programs of the Department, assigns responsibilities to faculty and staff, and evaluates their performance. The Chair represents departmental and faculty interests with administrators, other departments and units, outside agencies, state and federal agencies, partners and collaborators, and individuals and groups in industry. The Chair will collaborate with the Senior Vice President, Deans, Associate and Assistant Deans, other IFAS Chairs and Research and Education Center Directors, and other administrators in providing leadership for delivering integrated programs to meet the needs of students, extension clientele, research sponsors, and other stakeholders.

Qualifications
The Chair must have
- An earned doctorate in food science, human nutrition, or a related discipline;
- A record of distinction, outstanding scholarly achievement, and professional activities related to teaching, research, and/or extension that will qualify the individual to be a tenured full professor in the Department;
• Evidence of administrative ability to direct an academic department engaged in teaching, research, and extension activities at a major land-grant university;
• Evidence of ability to lead and manage multidisciplinary programs;
• Ability to provide visionary and progressive leadership;
• Demonstrable understanding of teaching, research, and extension priorities for food science and human nutrition;
• Effective administrative leadership and managerial skills and documented experience in defining organizational objectives; developing strategic approaches to planning, managing human, fiscal, and physical resources; generating and managing grant funds in support of teaching, research, and extension; and securing private funds;
• Demonstrated ability to effectively listen, communicate, and represent the Department with administrators, agencies, and on-and off-campus interest groups;
• Strong commitment to undergraduate and graduate student recruitment and retention;
• Demonstrated ability to interact well with students, faculty, staff, administrators, and external stakeholders within the university and state, federal, and international levels;
• Commitment to continued personal professional development for self and faculty and staff;
• Commitment to international programs; and
• Strong support and understanding of the mission of a land-grant university.

Background Information
The Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN) (http://fshn.ifas.ufl.edu) has 26 campus faculty, 3 off-campus faculty, 4 adjunct and affiliate faculty, and 35 staff positions in teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), and extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) support. The Department supports county extension faculty conducting educational programs in food science and human nutrition. In addition to institutional funding, grants and contracts (current total over $6.9M) provide strong support of FSHN programs.

The Department offers programs leading to B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. FSHN academic programs include undergraduate and graduate curricula in Food Science, Dietetics, and Nutritional Sciences, with a total enrollment of approximately 85 graduate students and 940 undergraduate students. FSHN faculty members have received national and international recognition as leaders in food science and human nutrition teaching, research, and extension.

The Department’s mission is to advance the food and nutritional sciences for the improvement of food quality and human health through excellence in research, education, and extension. Programs in food science encompass seafood and aquaculture products, citrus, fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, and dairy products. Programs in nutrition include nutritional biochemistry, nutritional genomics, phytochemicals and dietary supplements, and immune function. The Department is seen as a leader in nutritional genomics; nutritional regulation of human metabolism and health; the function and biochemistry of micronutrients; the effects of
phytochemicals and nutrient supplements on health; and the safety, quality, and processing of aquatic food products, fruits and vegetables, and juices.

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant and Sea Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 50,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities.

The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (http://ifas.ufl.edu) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (http://cals.ufl.edu), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (http://research.ifas.ufl.edu), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu), and the College of Veterinary Medicine (http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida’s 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Gainesville is an attractive city of about 120,000, and it is located in north central Florida midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The region is characterized by extensive natural resources, with many lakes, rivers, and natural areas.

**Employment Conditions**
This position will be filled by Fall 2007, or as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. The salary for the Department Chair will be commensurate with experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

**Applications**
Review of application materials will begin on or before April 6, 2007, and will continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Individuals wishing to apply should submit the following materials:
- Letter of application that states applicant’s interest in the position, qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, previous professional responsibilities and achievements,
administrative philosophy, and how these relate to the Chairs’ position. The letter should include the applicant’s general strategy for building and sustaining this department;
• Complete vita (which includes statement of current position and responsibilities);
• Official transcripts showing all coursework and degrees conferred; and
• The name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and electronic mail address of five persons to serve as references. The references should be knowledgeable about the applicant’s qualities that would make him or her well suited to the responsibilities described in this announcement.

Applications should be forwarded to the address below referencing position #0001-4210:

Department Chair for Food Science and Human Nutrition Search
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IFAS Office of Human Resources
University of Florida
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Questions regarding the position may be directed to:

Dr. Timothy L. White, Director and Professor
School of Forest Resources and Conservation
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The University of Florida is an equal opportunity and equal access employer. The “government in the sunshine” laws of Florida require all documents relating to the search process, including letters of application/nomination, be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.