THE OPPORTUNITY

The School of Food Science (SFS) is a unique joint venture integrating extension, teaching, and research programs between Washington State University (WSU) and the University of Idaho (UI) into a single unit. The synergies derived from joining resources gives the SFS international impact and recognition. Our high caliber faculty, growing undergraduate and graduate degree programs, high research productivity, and excellent extension and outreach activities make the SFS one of the top food science programs in the United States. We are looking for a dynamic, motivated, highly skilled and experienced problem-solving leader who addresses the needs of industry, stakeholders, and communities across the state and nationally, providing solutions through relevant and engaging outreach and research programs. This 12-month, full-time, tenure-track, Assistant/Associate Professor position will join our extension and research team and enhance the SFS’s position in food safety with an emphasis on raw agricultural products and minimally processed foods produced in the Pacific Northwest.

The School of Food Science is central to the missions of both universities in their roles as land-grant institutions. The merger of the two programs advances SFS into the top tier of universities with food science programs in the United States based upon extension programming, faculty numbers, undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, degrees granted, and research productivity.

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Members of ethnic minorities, women, special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam-era, recently separated veterans, and other protected veterans, persons of disability and/or persons age 40 and over are encouraged to apply.
RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will:

- Develop an impactful and well-funded, industry-relevant integrated extension and research program focusing on food safety with an emphasis on raw agricultural products and minimally processed foods produced in the Pacific Northwest. The successful candidate is expected to collaborate with scientists across the university and region. S/he must be able to integrate extension and research activities to meet the needs of the diverse regional food industry.

- Lead statewide extension efforts in food safety. Identify needs and develop extension programs and scholarly publications. Measure, document and report outcomes and impacts of these programs.

- Develop and disseminate extension and research scholarship in appropriate professional fora.

- Develop collaborative relationships with state and federal agencies and other organizations that develop or influence food safety policies.

- Extend the reach of WSU Extension by integrating distance technology into program delivery through web pages, electronic mailing, apps, multimedia technology and other emerging technologies.

- Serve as an advisor or mentor for both graduate and undergraduate students, providing them with research and internship opportunities.

- Build capacity to sustain and grow programs through constituent empowerment and/or leadership development.

- Seek opportunities to serve on state, regional and national committees to promote food safety.

- Interact with the new WSU Food Systems Program as that initiative develops.

QUALIFICATIONS

REQUIRED for both the Assistant and Associate Professor level:

(Successful Associate Professor candidates must currently have Associate Professor status)

- Ph.D. in Food Science, Food Microbiology, or a related field at the time of hire.

- Strong academic training or industry experience in food safety.
QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

PREFERRED:

- A minimum of 2 years (preferably 5 years or more) of experience in food safety related work in a professional setting.
- Industry experience is highly desired.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and capacity and willingness to engage diverse constituents in extension and research programs.
- Demonstrated capability to develop and deliver programs that address food safety issues.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with a record of publications commensurate with career level.
- Knowledge of current and emerging food safety issues.
- Demonstrated knowledge and ability to work effectively with individuals and groups with diverse cultures, backgrounds, and ideologies in a global environment.
- Flexibility in exercising both leadership and team building roles to work collaboratively, independently and harmoniously with other people.
- Demonstrated ability to use computers, smart devices, and web-based technologies.
- Demonstrated success in the area of grants, contracts and gift development.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and carry out plans for fee-generating educational activities.

LOCATION/TRAVEL

The position location is negotiable. The primary desired location is Prosser since most of the raw agricultural product production and processing occurs in the Columbia Basin of central Washington. Pullman may be considered as a location if the successful candidate can present a compelling vision for how they will serve industry needs by creating and maintaining an effective presence in the Columbia Basin.

THE WSU & UI SCHOOL OF FOOD SCIENCES

The School of Food Science is jointly administered by Washington State University and the University of Idaho, just 8 miles apart. We offer the only food science degree programs available in either state. Students can earn a B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Food Science, conduct research with faculty, and complete internships to help secure leadership positions in a variety of careers. An online Certificate of Proficiency in Food Science is available to professionals interested in career advancement. The WSU Creamery, renowned for Cougar Gold cheese and Ferdinand’s ice cream, provides students with on-campus experiential learning and research opportunities, work experience, and financial support. Faculty programs

LIFE ON THE PALOUSE

Palouse (Pullman and Moscow areas) offers a friendly, small-town atmosphere with a high quality of life and connected community. Located 80 miles south of metropolitan Spokane, Pullman and Moscow are also a quick drive away from the scenic Idaho panhandle and Moscow Mountain. The rolling hills of the Palouse offer a wide range of outdoor activities and a true four-season climate. The area provides ample opportunity to enjoy the cultural and academic hub of both Washington State University and the University of Idaho, in the neighboring town of Moscow, Idaho. Additionally, Pullman has an excellent public school system and was recently ranked by Bloomberg Business as the best small town in Washington to raise children.

To learn more about the Pullman community, visit: http://www.pullmanchamber.com
in research and extension help ensure a safe, nutritious, and economical food supply for the region while also enhancing food industry competitiveness in both national and international markets. Faculty and students work collaboratively from the WSU campus in Pullman, WA; the UI campus in Moscow, ID; the WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center (IAREC) in Prosser, WA; the UI Food Technology Center in Caldwell, ID; TechHelp in Boise, ID; and the WSU Wine Science Center in Tri-Cities, WA. For more information, visit http://sfs.wsu.edu.

LIFE IN PROSSER
Located in south-central Washington State, Prosser is the birthplace of Washington wine. The Yakima River runs through the town and expansive vineyards. At the Irrigated Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Prosser, scientists from WSU, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, and Washington State Department of Agriculture address concerns about the amount of water used in the state for agricultural production. Given that an estimated two-thirds of Washington's crops come from irrigated land, this research is vital to the region’s economy and sustainability. Prosser is also home to the recently established Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center and is just a 30-minute drive to the WSU Wine Science Center and WSU Tri-Cities campus.
To learn more about the Prosser community, visit www.cityofprosser.com

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, HUMAN, AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES
The College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) at Washington State University is an expansive and diverse college that includes 16 academic units, four research and extension centers distributed across the state, 13 subject matter centers, and one tribal and 39 county extension offices. CAHNRS fosters disciplines that serve at the interface of scientific discovery and its application to the advancement of society and improvement of the human experience. Our mission is to provide global leadership in discovering, accessing, and disseminating knowledge that contributes to producing a safe, abundant food and fiber supply; promotes the wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities; enhances the sustainability of agricultural and economic systems; and promotes stewardship of natural resources and ecological systems. In all dimensions of our mission, we strive to embody the signature “World Class. Face to Face.” motto of Washington State University. CAHNRS personnel embrace the opportunity to fulfill the University’s land-grant mission by making groundbreaking research discoveries, by utilizing innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and by delivering relevant, progressive extension programs that synergistically generate
approaches to teaching and learning, and by delivering relevant, progressive extension programs that synergistically generate outcomes that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Washington State, as well as for people around the globe. To learn more about CAHNRS, visit: http://cahnrs.wsu.edu.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Screening: will begin on April 3, 2017, and will continue until this position is filled.

To apply: Application materials must include: detailed letter of application addressing all qualifications, a current curriculum vita, copies of transcripts, and the names and contact information for three professional references along with the application. Reference letters will be requested from the finalists. Visit www.wsujobs.com (Search Position #122570). For additional information on Washington State University, CAHNRS or SFS, visit http://cahnrs.wsu.edu/ and http://sfs.wsu.edu. Please contact Dr. Girish Ganjyal, Search Committee Chair, at girish.ganjyal@wsu.edu, 509-335-5613 with questions about this position.

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