Assistant/Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences/Microbiome

The Department of Nutritional Sciences seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor position with a focus on nutrition and the microbiome. This position will complement the research of existing faculty, which includes research related to the prevention of cardiovascular disease; ingestive behavior and mechanisms underlying obesity; studies of diet, physical activity and cancer prevention; micronutrient metabolism in animal models or humans; epidemiology, and/or global health nutrition. The research area of the successful applicant could include questions exploring the maternal and infant microbiome, diet and the microbiome, and/or the microbiome and metabolic diseases. The successful applicant’s research can be basic using cell and animal models; translational using basic and clinical models; and/or clinical with a focus on nutrition, human health and the microbiome. The successful applicant’s research is expected to be synergistic with core areas of the strategic plans of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, the College of Health and Human Development, and the University of which Enhancing Health is one of five thematic priorities (http://strategicplan.psu.edu/thematic-priorities/).

The position is a tenure-track position in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, one of eight departments in the College of Health and Human Development (http://hhd.psu.edu/). Penn State takes pride in faculty who integrate research, teaching and service activities and seeks excellence in all three domains of academic activity.

The National Research Council ranked Penn State’s Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences among the nation’s best. More information is available at: (http://nutrition.hhd.psu.edu/). The Department has 26 full-time faculty and 17 research scientists. Current student enrollments are 212 undergraduate students and 35 PhD candidates. The Department provides a supportive environment for interdisciplinary translational research spanning applied and basic sciences. Collaborative opportunities abound in the Department of Nutritional Sciences; in other departments in the College of Health and Human Development; as well as in other Penn State Colleges (e.g. Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine, Science), Centers and Institutes across campus, including but not limited to the newly formed Microbiome Center, the Huck Institutes for the Life Sciences, Penn State Clinical and Translational Institute (CTSI) and the Penn State Cancer Institute. Furthermore, depending on the research area of the candidate, this position may be part of a co-hire with the Huck Institutes for the Life Sciences (https://www.huck.psu.edu/).

Applicants should have strong academic training in nutritional sciences, physiology, microbiology or a closely related field. A doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, MD and/or equivalent) and two or more years of postdoctoral research experience is required. Candidates will be expected to establish an extramurally-funded research program and to teach in the Department’s undergraduate and graduate programs. Service expectations will be appropriate to Penn State’s mission as a land grant university. Qualified candidates should provide evidence of original research published in peer-reviewed journals and are expected to have obtained or show strong potential to obtain external support for their independent research program. Applicants should also have experience that demonstrates proficiency in both teaching and potential for mentoring students. Candidates should address their ability to work effectively with diverse populations and audiences.
To apply, interested candidates should complete an online application (https://psu.jobs/job/82918) and upload: (1) a cover letter of application; 2) a personal statement addressing interests and vision (future goals and plans) in a) research and b) teaching; (3) a curriculum vitae along with (4) names, titles, and complete contact information.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Salary is competitive, commensurate with background and experience. An attractive benefits package is available.

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