THE OPPORTUNITY

The School of Food Science (SFS) is a unique joint venture integrating food science faculty and educational programs from the University of Idaho (UI) and Washington State University (WSU) 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 research and outreach programs. This 12-month, full-time, tenure-track, Assistant/Associate Professor position will join our research and extension 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 SFS is central to the missions and futures of WSU and UI in their roles as land-grant institutions. With this merger, teaching, research, and extension programs within the SFS advance into the top tier of universities with food science programs in the United States based upon faculty numbers, undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, degrees granted, research productivity, and extension programming.

School of Food Science

WSU Position # 122570

TITLE:
❖ Food Safety Specialist – Assistant/Associate Professor
❖ 12-month, full-time tenure-track faculty position

LOCATION:
❖ Washington State University – Possibilities include Pullman, Wenatchee, or Prosser, Washington

SALARY:
❖ Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience

START:
❖ August 16, 2016; negotiable
RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will:

- Develop an impactful and well-funded 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 basic and applied scientists across the university and region. S/he must be able to integrate research and extension activities to meet the needs of the regional food industry.
- Produce scholarly publications in the area of food safety and disseminate scholarship in appropriate professional forums.
- Provide statewide leadership in food safety through educational programs, publications and technical assistance to a diverse audience of stakeholders.
- Lead extension efforts in food safety. Collaborate with university colleagues at both institutions in extension and outreach efforts in food safety, business development, agriculture, and resource management. Measure, document and report impacts of these programs.
- Develop collaborative relationships with state and federal agencies and other organizations that develop or influence food safety policy.
- 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 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.

QUALIFICATIONS

REQUIRED for both the Assistant and Associate Professor level:

- Ph.D. in Food Science, Food Microbiology, or a related field at the time of hire.
- Strong academic training in food safety.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1890, Washington State University is a comprehensive land-grant university with teaching, research, and extension missions, and one of two research universities in Washington State. WSU is organized into ten academic colleges, the Honors College, and the Graduate School. It has an enrollment of more than 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students on four campuses (Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver) with approximately 20,000 students located on the main campus in Pullman, WA. WSU ranks among the top 60 public research universities and is a Carnegie I, Doctoral/Research Extensive University. WSU strongly values diversity among its faculty, staff, and students and seeks to ensure a welcoming community for all.

Further information about WSU can be found at: http://www.wsu.edu
QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

PREFERRED:

- A minimum of 2 years of experience in food safety related work in a professional setting.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and capacity and willingness to engage diverse constituents in educational and research programs.
- Demonstrated capability to conduct programs that address food safety issues.
- Excellent verbal and written communication 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 computer, 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 between Pullman, Wenatchee, and Prosser Washington.

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 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, UI campus in Moscow, WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center. Some of the favorite outdoor recreational opportunities are hiking, biking, and skiing in the mountains, and fishing, swimming, and boating in the rivers. The “Apple Capital of the World” is just a few hours’ drive from the city of Seattle and Greater Puget Sound. Local attractions and year-round art and cultural events complete the unique character of this north-central Washington town.

To learn more about the Pullman community, visit: http://www.pullmanchamber.com

LIFE ON THE PALOUSE

Pullman offers a friendly, small-town atmosphere with a high quality of life and connected community. Located 80 miles south of metropolitan Spokane, Pullman is 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.

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LIFE IN WENATCHEE

Wenatchee’s population of 65,000 is located on the eastern edge of the Cascade Range at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers amid cherry, apple, and pear orchards. The world’s primary fruit-producing region is a fitting home to the WSU Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center. Some of the favorite outdoor recreational opportunities are hiking, biking, and skiing in the mountains, and fishing, swimming, and boating in the rivers. The “Apple Capital of the World” is just a few hours’ drive from the city of Seattle and Greater Puget Sound. Local attractions and year-round art and cultural events complete the unique character of this north-central Washington town.

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students work collaboratively from the WSU campus in Pullman, WA; UI campus in Moscow, ID; WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center (IAREC) in Prosser, WA; UI Food Technology Center in Caldwell, ID; TechHelp in Boise, ID; and WSU Wine Science Center in Tri-Cities, WA. For more information, visit http://sfs.wsu.edu.

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 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.

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
APPLICATION PROCESS

Screening: will begin on April 1, 2016, and will continue until 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. Carolyn Ross, Search Committee Chair, at cfross@wsu.edu, 509-335-2438 with questions about this position.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EDUCATOR AND EMPLOYER. 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. WSU is committed to excellence through diversity, has faculty friendly policies including a partner accommodation program, and a NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant (see http://www.excelinse.wsu.edu/) WSU employs only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized non-U.S. citizens. All new employees must show employment eligibility verification as required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Washington State University is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact Human Resource Services: 509-335-4521(v), Washington State TDD Relay Service: Voice Callers: 1-800-833-6384; TDD Callers: 1-800-833-6388, 509-335-1259(f), or hrs@wsu.edu