

THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE

Department of Food Science and Technology (<http://foodscience.tennessee.edu/>)
Agricultural Experiment Station

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant/Associate Professor of Food Science and Technology in Molecular Food Microbiology.
12-month, tenure-track position; 100% Research.

Responsibilities: Develop a competitive and independent research program in molecular food microbiology. Focus areas may include functional genomics and proteomics, metabolomics, microbial pathogenesis, detection, gene expression, molecular characterization, virulence, control methods and/or microbial ecology of bacterial pathogens of foods. Conduct research and form partnerships for solving applied and fundamental problems related to microbiological food safety, food spoilage, and/or microbial risk assessment. Collaborate with other faculty and staff and with industry partners; provide expertise to strengthen current studies in food microbiology and safety and contribute to the department's outreach programs. Recruiting and advising graduate students, supervision of undergraduate research, and securing extramural funding are expected. Depending upon the candidate's background or interests, a partial appointment in extension food safety is possible.

Required Qualifications: An earned doctorate in Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Food Microbiology or Food Science with a focus on general food microbiology and/or molecular biology related to food microbiology and its application in foods and/or food components. The applicant must have demonstrated excellence in effective oral and written communication skills.

Desired Qualifications: Experience in successful grant-writing and relevant experience beyond the Ph.D. degree are both highly desirable. Evidence of the ability to function well in and provide positive contributions to collaborative research teams is a plus.

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience.

Benefits: Benefits available include group medical insurance, dental insurance, group and individual life insurance, long-term disability insurance, workers' compensation, non-contributory retirement (UT makes all contributions), voluntary retirement programs, sick leave, annual leave, paid holidays and administrative leave days, unemployment compensation, educational waivers, and use of University Services.

Application: The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. Applicants should submit: 1) a letter of application, 2) a curriculum vitae detailing education background qualifications, experience, and publications, 3) a one-page statement of research plans and goals, 4) transcripts of all college course work, and 5) names and contact information (including e-mail addresses) of three individuals who will serve as references. Send all materials to:

Dr. Qixin Zhong, Search Chair
The University of Tennessee
Department of Food Science and Technology
2605 River Drive
Knoxville, TN 37996-4591
Ph: 865-974-8400; Fax: 865-974-7332; E-mail: qzhong@utk.edu

Date position is available: July 1, 2010. Complete applications received by May 1, 2010 will be assured of consideration. Candidates may be required to submit to a background investigation.

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admissions without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

Eligibility and other terms and conditions of employment benefits at The University of Tennessee are governed by laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee, and this non-discrimination statement is intended to be consistent with those laws and regulations.

In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, The University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the University.

Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), ADA (disability), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865) 974-2498 (V/TTY available) or 974-2440. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.