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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-By Chengchu "Cathy" Liu

Dear CAFS Members and Friends,

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to you all in this 2023-2024 fall edition of our CAFS newsletter. Before we delve into the exciting initiatives planned for the upcoming year, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to current and past CAFS leaders. Your dedication, unselfish service, and visionary leadership have laid the foundation for the vibrant and dynamic CAFS we are today. I also want to express my deepest appreciations to all CAFS members and volunteers. Your contributions are invaluable and inspire us all to reach greater heights. Special thanks go to Drs. Qing Jin and Zuo Li (current and past Editor of CAFS Newsletter) and other members who particularly contributed to this edition of



newsletter. Without your support, publishing this newsletter would not have been possible.

Looking back, 2022-2023 was a year filled with memorable moments and great achievements. As we embrace the transition into a post-pandemic era, it's a thrilling moment to reflect on how we've adapted and evolved. Although we continued using the Zoom platform for hosting our 2023 CAFS Annual Business Meeting virtually, we were fortunately able to resume the 2023 CAFS Annual Banquet on July 17/Monday night in MingHin Cuisine in Chicago during the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Annual Event and Expo. The successful remarkable combination of virtual meetings and in-person



Thanks to Dr. Zachary Zheng for providing the photo.

banquet that defined the past year. Congratulations to our 2022-2023 President, Dr. Lihan Huang, for his great leadership over the past year with these successful events and great achievements!

As we step into 2023-2024, the CAFS EC and Committees had the first planning meeting in the mid-September. During this meeting, we have planned to continue and enhance several key areas that will shape the CAFS's upcoming activities. ***These areas include but are not limit to:*** member (including student member) recruitment, member engagement and interaction, networking and friendship, member support and mentoring, professional development and personal growth.

We recognize the importance of expanding our outreach and welcoming new members into our CAFS. New members bring their own networks and connections, which can open doors to potential partnerships, collaborations, and resources that we can leverage. We will place a renewed emphasis on member recruitment. We thank CAFS Membership Director (Dr. Xiaolei Shi) and the Student Committee Members (Zhengjiao Du, Guan Gao and Chunya Tang) for leading the important task. If you know individuals who may be interested in our CAFS's values and aspirations, please consider recommending them for the CAFS membership. Your support is invaluable.

Member engagement and interaction is critical to any society. Whether through virtual events, webinars, or in-person gatherings, CAFS will create opportunities for members to connect, build relationships, and forge lasting friendships with fellow members who share our enthusiasm and interests. As you know, the CAFS Annual Business Meeting and Banquet are still the most important activities for all of us CAFS members. As a tradition, the 2024 CAFS Annual Banquet will be held in Chicago Chinatown in conjunction with the IFT annual meeting. Please stay tuned for an update. In addition, a couple of new initiatives are under planning. First, we would like to introduce a brand new section in

our newsletter highlighting Member Activity, focusing on sharing updates or good news from our CAFS members, such as job findings, job changes, and promotions. Second, we plan to continue help our members with professional development perspectives through mentorship programs. Third, many thanks to Drs. Juming Tang and Lihan Huang's suggestions, we also plan to invite guest speakers to talk about topics associated with personal growth such as financial wellness and work-life balance. We are calling for your suggestions and contributions. Your inputs and feedback are invaluable. We encourage you to be an integral part of the conversations ensuring that you are actively involved in our CAFS activities. Please let us know what topics you are most interested in.

Supporting the aspirations of our members is a top priority. As a professional society, we value your growth and development. Whether you're an experienced professional, a budding scientist, or a student, CAFS can provide a resource to assist you in your journey to success. We also encourage and facilitate collaboration and resource sharing among our members. Together, we will continue to flourish and grow CAFS, supporting the professional and personal success and development of each member.

As we look ahead, your involvement is pivotal. We encourage all of us to make the most of our CAFS membership. Engage with our fellow members, take advantage of the resources at our disposal, and actively contribute to our collaborative efforts. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and aspirations for our CAFS. Your inputs and feedback will help us tailor our plans to better meet your expectations.

Thank you for your continued dedication to CAFS, and we eagerly anticipate a year filled with collaboration, innovation, and personal and professional growth.

With warm regards,

Chengchu "Cathy" Liu

2023-2024 CAFS President



MEETING WITH CAFS OFFICERS



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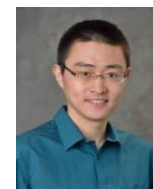
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MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

-By Lihan Huang

Dear fellow CAFS members and friends,

It is my great privilege to write this letter as the CAFS Past President as our organization is transitioning into a new leadership under President Chengchu (Catherine) Liu, who is a well-qualified and respected seafood scientist. I am confident that CAFS will continue to grow and serve our community of food science professionals under her enthusiastic and cohesive leadership.

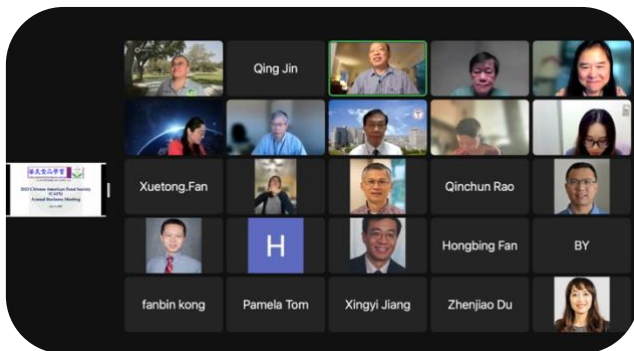


The year of 2022-2023 is rather unique. While the COVID-19 global pandemic has gradually passed into history, much of our activities and planning remained online, thanks to the modern technology. **I am particularly thankful to every one of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (EC), who faithfully and unselfishly volunteered their time to guide, plan, and shape the future of CAFS.** This year is a particularly great year for the membership committee under the leadership of Dr. Jun Yang of Pepsi, with 9 new Lifetime members and 7 new student members. Dr. Haiqiang (Harry) Wang is a master treasurer who keeps the EC updated and maintained a healthy balance of our finance. The newsletter

director, Dr. Li Zuo, has kept us informed about the organization and published our newsletters regularly, sometimes at very short notice. Dr. Fanbin Kong and his Bylaws committee have updated the new membership categories. I am also particularly thankful to our past presidents, Drs. Olive Li, Vivian Wu, Andy Hwang, and Zachery Zheng, for the service and time to advance the interest of the organization. The Student Committee, under the leadership of President Chunya Tang and Vice President Zhenjiao Du, has successfully organized another year's Student Research Competition. I am also thankful to Dr. Ying Wu, the Mentor Chair and her team of judges from different universities, for volunteering their time in guiding the students. The CAFS is proud to sponsor the student research competition.

One of the highlights of the 2023 IFT annual meeting was our annual member banquet.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we did not have an annual banquet in 2022. For the 2023 annual meeting, the planning committee felt uncertain about the scale of the annual banquet, but thanks to our treasurer Harry, our Past President Zachary, and our President-Elect Cathy, we magically predicted the number of attendees



*2023 CAFS Annual Business Meeting
(July 12, 2023)*



Dr. Chin-kun Wang
Taiwan Chung Shan Medical University



Dr. Jianping Wu
University of Alberta



Dr. Siqian Li
President NAJUA & Michael Foods Inc.



Door Prize Winners

Thanks to Dr. Zachary Zheng for providing the photo.

of the banquet. The planning was so perfect that we all had a joyful evening enjoying delicious Chinese foods at the restaurant.

The success of CAFS depends on the service of volunteering members. I was so honored to have an opportunity to work with so many dedicated leaders and members. Now CAFS has a new President, I call on all members to support Dr. Liu and encourage more of us to volunteer our

time to help our members and shape the future of our wonderful organization. Let's work together for the future of CAFS!

Sincerely,

Lihan Huang

2022-2023 CAFS President



2022-2023 CAFS FINANCIAL REPORT

-By Haiqiang Wang

Balance (as of 3/17/2023)	\$29,896.55
Income	
Lifetime membership (seven)	\$2100.00
Student membership (Seven)	\$70.00
CAFS membership (one)	\$20.00
Subtotal Income	\$2190.00
Expenses	
CAFS 2023 student poster competition award	\$1800.00
Award plaques 2023	\$145.97
Annual banquet 2023	\$1209.91
CAFS website maintenance fee	\$11.88
Subtotal Expenses	\$3167.76
Balance (as of 10/13/2023)	\$28,918.79

2024 CAFS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND BANQUET

-By Qinchun Rao

The 2024 annual business meeting and banquet will be separate events. The business meeting is planned as a virtual event, tentatively scheduled 1-2 weeks before the CAFS banquet, which will take place during IFT. Details on the banquet's date and location are still in progress and will be provided soon.



2022-2023 CAFS STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

-By Zhenjiao Du

In the past spring and summer semesters, CAFS has been holding the 2023 student research competition. It was held to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of student research. A total of **thirteen graduate students** participated in the competition, and **seven professional judges** volunteered to evaluate of extended abstracts. **Four extended abstracts** were selected for the second oral presentation round. The results were announced at the 2023 annual business meeting.

First Place



Chunya Tang
Florida State University
Advisor: Dr. Qinchun Rao
The Effect of Temperature on
pH-stressed Soybean
Agglutinin, an Antinutritional
Protein

Second Place



Haona Bao
The Ohio State University
Advisor: Dr. Ying Wu
Impact of Encapsulated
Phytochemicals as Feed Additives
on Growth Performance and Gut
Microbiota of Broiler Chicken

Third Place



Zhenjiao Du
Kansas State University
Advisor: Dr. Yonghui Li
pLM4ACE: a protein language model-
based machine learning predictor for
screening peptides with high
antihypertensive activity

Honorable Mention



Zihan Wang
The University of Alberta
Advisor: Dr. Jianping Wu
Integrating Transcriptomics and
Metabolomics Reveals a Novel
Regulatory Pathway Modulating ACE2
Transcription in Hypertensive Rats
Treated with Ovotransferrin-derived
Peptide Ile- Arg-Trp (IRW)

CAFS MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

2023 CAFS MEMBER MOVES: CELEBRATING STATUS CHANGES, PROMOTIONS, AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS!

Xiaolei Shi (*University of Wisconsin-Madison*)



Born in Rizhao, China, Dr. Xiaolei Shi pursued her bachelor's degree in Food Quality and Safety at Huazhong Agricultural University. Her thesis explored the bioactivity of asparagus extracts. Later, she ventured to the US and attained her Master's and Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in collaboration with the USDA ARS Market Quality and Research Unit, Raleigh, NC. Her research centered on the mitigation of peanut allergenicity and thermal processing techniques. Following her Ph.D., Dr. Shi joined Iowa State University, dedicating 5 years as an adjunct assistant professor and spearheading research in 3D printing of soft materials. In 2022, she embraced a role at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a research scientist, emphasizing dairy research and entrepreneurship. Her pivotal contributions led to the inception of two startups centered on 3D printing and the upcycling of

dairy waste into food ingredients.

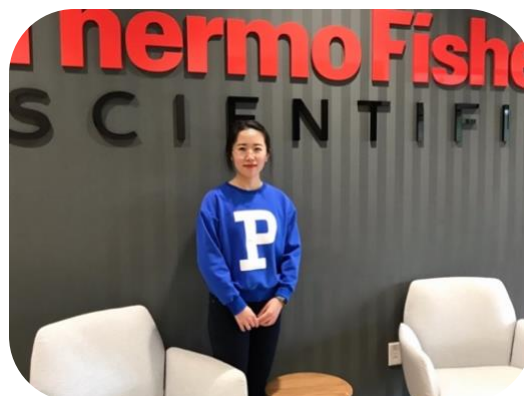
Dr. Shi's expertise lies in dairy waste management, sugar conversion, and 3D printing of food polymers. A staunch advocate for innovation, she ardently supports small businesses and the I-Corps program. Currently, she serves as the division chair of the IFT Biotechnology Division and is the membership director of the Chinese American Food Society. Additionally, Dr. Shi is a lifetime member of Sigma Phi Tau, an honorary society recognizing distinguished food scientists.

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Xueqian Su (*Thermo Fisher Scientific*)

My name is Xueqian Su, and I earned my Ph.D. from the Department of Food Science and Technology at Virginia Tech in May 2022. Following the completion of my doctoral studies, I continued my academic pursuits as a postdoctoral researcher within the same department until August 2023.

In 2020, I had the privilege of joining the Chinese American Food Society (CAFS) as the Vice President of the Student Committee. My commitment continued to evolve, as I took on the role of President in the CAFS student committee from 2021 to 2022 due to the warm and supportive environment in CAFS. My deep affinity for this community led me to remain actively engaged.



I am thrilled to embark on a new phase of my professional journey as a Senior Scientist at PPD (Pharmaceutical Product Development), part of Thermo Fisher Scientific. In this role, I will be primarily

focused on method development and validation for bioactive compounds in pharmaceuticals and drugs, which is a highly exciting and challenging endeavor. I am eager to embrace the opportunities and responsibilities that come with my position at Thermo Fisher Scientific and to continue my active engagement with CAFS!

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Xiaohong Sun (*Dalhousie University*)



Dr. Xiaohong Sun joined the Department of Plant, Food, and Environmental Sciences as Assistant Professor in July 2022 at Dalhousie University, Canada. Before joining Dalhousie, Xiaohong worked as a postdoctoral research fellow for three years at the School of Nutrition Sciences, University of Ottawa. She received her Ph.D. degree in Food Science and Technology from the University of Alberta under the supervision of Dr. Jianping Wu in 2017.

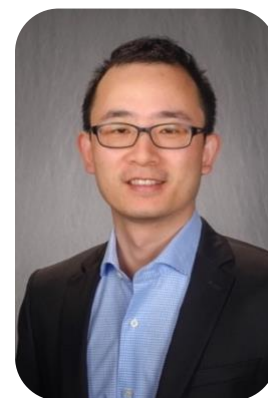
Xiaohong's overall research vision is to apply innovative processing technologies for the improvement of the health benefits, nutritional quality, and functionality of food proteins, to develop new food products with healthy, sustainable, and sensory attributes, and to add value to agro-food by-products. Outside of work you can find Xiaohong exploring nature, playing with her kitten Tyson, and enjoying coffee with friends.

In early 2023, Xiaohong became a lifetime member of CAFS, thanks to Dr. Catherine Liu's introduction. She was excited to have the opportunity to attend the CAFS banquet in Chicago this July and reconnect with old friends while making new ones. She feels CAFS filled with growth, opportunities, and meaningful connections. She looks forward to contributing to this wonderful academic society and witnessing the collective success of all members.

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Hongbing Fan (*University of Kentucky*)

Here is Hongbing Fan, currently working as an assistant professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at the University of Kentucky, specializing in the field of food science. Prior to my current role, I completed my Ph.D. and postdoctoral training under the guidance of Dr. Jianping Wu at the University of Alberta in Canada. My ongoing research focuses on protein and peptide chemistry, as well as functional foods. My primary objective is to innovate and create novel food-derived compounds, particularly peptides, aimed at mitigating various chronic diseases through the use of in vitro and in vivo models.

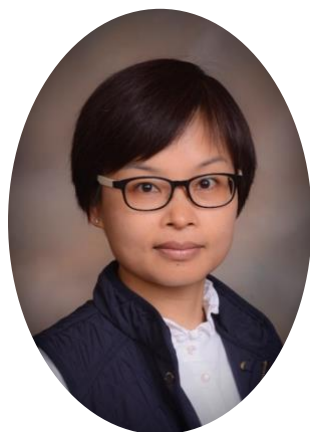


During my graduate studies, I actively engaged with professional organizations in the field of food science, such as IFT, AOCS, and CAFS. My connection with CAFS dates back to the 2020 IFT annual meeting, where I first became aware of the organization during its annual business meeting. I promptly became a student member of CAFS. It wasn't long before an opportunity arose when CAFS was looking for student volunteers, and I was fortunate to become one of them. Guided by Drs. Olive Li, Qinchun Rao, and Shelly Xu, and with the support of many CAFS leadership committee

members, we successfully organized the CAFS Graphical Abstract Contest and a career webinar and helped post newsletters for active CAFS members and students. Upon transitioning to an independent researcher at the University of Kentucky early this year, I became a lifetime member of CAFS in June 2023. In July, I met many CAFS members in person during the IFT annual meeting. CAFS serves as a tight-knit family, offering an incredible platform for Chinese and American professionals who excel in the field of food science to connect and collaborate, being supportive of students' training, facilitating members' career development, and nurturing future academic and industrial leaders. I aspire to increase my participation in CAFS events and contribute more to serving fellow CAFS members in the near future.

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Xiaofen Du (*Texas Woman's University*)



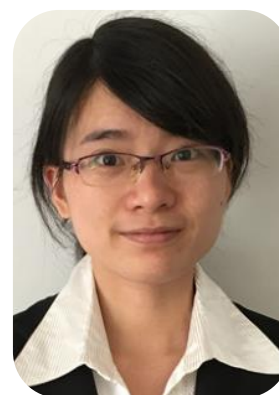
Dr. Xiaofen Du became a lifetime member of CAFS in 2020. She joined the department of Nutrition and Food Sciences at Texas Woman's University in 2017, and she was promoted to associate professor in 2023. Her current research interests include using instrumental and sensory approaches to characterize and create flavor (aroma, taste, trigeminal sensation) and texture of various agricultural produce and food products associated with human health and a sustainable planet. Dr. Du has been working in the area of food flavor for over a decade. She received her PhD from Oregon State University and was a postdoc at the University of Florida with researching the flavor of specific fruits. She then became a senior scientist at Firmenich SA, a flavor innovating company. With this extensive experience, Xiaofen Du is an expert in flavor instrumental analysis and sensory evaluation of different food and food products.

2023-2024 CAFS NEW LIFE-TIME MEMBER

-by Xiaolei Shi

Lingling Liu (*Iowa State University*)

Dr. Liu received her Ph.D. and M.S. degree in Food Science from the University of Georgia and China Agricultural University in 2018, 2013, respectively. During the year of 2019-2020, she was a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. She joined the Department of Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering at Iowa State University as an adjunct assistant professor in Feb 2020. Her current research interests focus on biopolymers, nanoencapsulation, nanoemulsion, coating/films, and food digestion. She is currently a guest editor of the Special Issue 'Nanocellulose, Nanoencapsulation and Nanoemulsion: Preparation, Characterization and Application' of the open access journal Applied Sciences.



We appreciate your interest in joining our society. To become a member, you can download the [CAFS membership application/renewal/update form](#). For more information, please reach out to Xiaolei (Shelley) Shi via email xshi257@wisc.edu

2023-2024 CAFS EC AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS

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Note: based on Bylaws,

1 – Annual Banquet and Business Meeting committee is led by the incoming President.

2 – Nomination committee is led by the immediate Past President.

NOMINATION

-by Lihan Huang

The award nomination process is set to commence **in March 2024**, with further details forthcoming. We welcome nominations for the CAFS award. For inquiries or questions regarding nominations, please reach out to Lihan Huang.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Society of Food Engineering (SOFE) is organizing a **Food Engineering Conference (CoFE)** in Seattle on August 25-28, 2024. We encourage young scientists and engineers to participate. COFE takes place every two years. It is the only conference in the North American focusing on food engineering research and education.



Here is the link to the generator announcement. <https://socfoodeng.org/>. More detailed program will come soon. *(Thank you to Dr. Juming Tang for providing the information for CAFS Newsletter!)*

Upcoming Free Virtual Seminar with Q&A: Building Financial Wellness 101

In CAFS, we care about our members' overall success, wellness, and ability to thrive. Research shows that financial wellness is an important aspect to address throughout all stages of our lives.

Through a collaboration with the University of Maryland Extension (UME), we will be offering a one-hour free virtual training seminar to stimulate thoughts and help you develop habits that can enhance your ability to build your own financial wellness. To accommodate our members across time zones, the training will be offered at 7pm-8pm EST/ 6-7pm CST/ 4-5pm PST in mid-April 2024.

Now we need your help! Click the link below to **select the date and topics** most relevant to you and your family! <https://forms.gle/zdjpN4TwdR53CzA8>



Suzanne Cooke Crystal Terhune

Our guest speakers Suzanne Cooke and Crystal Terhune are community-based Financial Wellness Educators for UME's Family and Consumer Sciences program. Through expertise from the fields of education, financial services, and financial social work, they are generous to share knowledge and resources with the CAFS community!

We at CAFS look forward to enhancing the lives of our members through this special learning opportunity.

(Thank you to Dr. Chengchu (Cathy) Liu for providing the information for CAFS Newsletter!)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Assistant Professors at Rutgers University

Rutgers University Food Science is searching for three assistant professors, one in food chemistry, one in food processing and one in food science (can be any area).

Assistant Professor in Food Chemistry: ROCS Posting #23FA1258

<https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/215662>

Assistant Professor in Bio-functional Food Processing: ROCS Posting #23FA1199

<https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/213177>

Assistant Professor in Food Science: ROCS Posting #23FA1259

<https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/215431>

For more information, please contact Donald W. Schaffner (email: don.schaffner@rutgers.edu)

2. Postdoctoral opportunities at University of Delaware

Dr. Juzhong Tan Lab at the University of Delaware is seeking for qualified applicants.

Post Doctoral Researcher - Food Processing & Engineering

<https://careers.udel.edu/en-us/job/500543/post-doctoral-researcher-tan-lab-food-processing-engineering>

Post Doctoral Researcher - Interdisciplinary Soil, Plant and Chemistry

<https://careers.udel.edu/en-us/job/500541/post-doctoral-researcher-tan-lab-interdisciplinary-soil-plant-and-chemistry>

3. Postdoctoral scholar opportunities at Florida State University

Dr. Qinchun Rao Lab (Food Safety and Quality Lab) at Florida State University is seeking for a Postdoctoral scholar.

Postdoctoral fellowship in the area of food and nutrition.

https://jobs.omni.fsu.edu/psc/sprdhr_er/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS.CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=56766&PostingSeq=1

For more information, please contact Qinchun Rao (email: qrao@fsu.edu)

4. Postdoctoral opportunities at USDA-ARS

Dr. Wei Zhao Lab at the USDA-ARS is seeking for a postdoctoral researcher.

Postdoctoral Fellowship – Generation of bioactive pectic poly/oligosaccharides from citrus peel waste

<https://www.zintellect.com/Opportunity/Details/USDA-ARS-SE-2023-0421>

For more information, please contact Wei Zhao (email: wei.zhao@usda.gov)

5. Graduate research assistant opportunities at Virginia Tech

Dr. Monica Ponder Lab at the Virginia Tech is seeking for a GRA.

MS or PhD – Modeling pathogen reduction using vacuum assisted steam on low water activity foods as impacted by physical properties and heat transfer

For more information, please contact Monica Ponder (email: mponder@vt.edu)

6. 副教授-中国农业大学食品学院

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7. Assistant professors at Oregon State University

Oregon State University Department of Food Science and Technology is embarking on a cluster hire of seven professorial faculty members in the areas of Resilient Food Systems.

<https://foodsci.oregonstate.edu/foodsci/resilient-food-systems-faculty-positions>

For more information, please contact Adam Ward (email: adam.ward@oregonstate.edu) or Lisbeth Goddik (email: Lisbeth.goddik@oregonstate.edu)

8. Assistant professors at University of Delaware

University of Delaware Department of Animal and Food Science is seeking for an assistant professor of animal product food safety and quality.

<https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/details.cfm?JobCode=178638782&Title=Tenure%20Track%20Assistant%20Professor%2C%20Interdisciplinary%20Food%20Animal%20Product%20Quality%20and%20Food%20Safety>

For more information, please contact Hong Li (email: hli@udel.edu).

Please visit CAFS website's Job Posting page for more useful job links:

https://www.cafsnet.org/job_postings.htm