

Position Announcement
Professor and Department Head

Texas A&M University seeks candidates for a 12-month, tenured position of Professor and Head, Department of Nutrition and Food Science. The successful candidate must have the abilities to embody and convey the land grant mission of teaching, research, and extension to varying audiences and be a strong advocate for all aspects of both the Food Science and Nutrition programs in the department.

The candidate will provide the leadership and vision to foster an integrated culture for a large, multidisciplinary department. Specific duties and responsibilities include 1) providing intellectual and philosophical leadership to faculty, staff and students for synergistic academic, research, extension and service programs; 2) coordinating administrative support for the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Food Science and the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Nutrition; 3) managing and coordinating the Department's human, physical, and fiscal resources; 4) serving as liaison for the Department to the administration of the College of Agriculture and Life Science, Texas AgriLife Research, and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; 5) representing the Department to state and federal agencies, private organizations, partners and collaborators, and key industry groups; and 6) providing leadership for continued acquisition of internal and external resources to enhance departmental programs.

The position requires a Ph.D. in food science, nutritional sciences, or related area with a record of distinction in teaching, research and/or extension. The position also requires demonstrated effective leadership and management of multidisciplinary programs; understanding of the teaching, research, extension and service missions of the department in nutrition and food sciences; and a commitment to diversity. The candidate must possess outstanding leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills, as well as have demonstrated success in communicating effectively with diverse clientele and stakeholders. The candidate must exhibit the ability to promote the department and increase its national and international prominence. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in the Land-Grant University System and those with a record of active participation in professional nutrition and food science organizations.

Additional information concerning this position, the department, college, agencies, university, and community is available at <http://posc.tamu.edu/search>. Applicants should submit the following: 1) a letter of application, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a brief (no more than 3 page) description of administrative philosophy and goals for the Department, specifically addressing faculty mentoring, a plan to bring external funds to the department, their ability to foster academic, research, and extension programs across multiple disciplines and to be an effective advocate for the department, and 4) email, phone, and addresses for three references. Send queries and applications via email to Dr. John Carey, chair of search committee, at search@poultry.tamu.edu. Review of applications will begin **March 1, 2009**, and continue until the position is filled.