

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00012889
REQUISITION # 41188**

- Title:** Assistant/Associate Professor
Seafood Specialist for Extension Services and Research
- Location:** Food Science and Human Nutrition Department (FSHN)
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida
- Salary:** Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience
- Review Date:** For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by 8 February 2019. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month, tenure-accruing position that will be 70% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 30% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) available in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The position also is affiliated with the Florida Sea Grant (FSG) College Program and serves as the FSG Seafood Specialist. Duties will include extension services and research addressing technical aspects of seafood and aquaculture product safety, quality and nutrition in both domestic and international commerce, as well as stakeholder interests in commerce and regulation from production and processing through food service and retail sectors. The faculty member is expected to be actively engaged in developing best management practices (including being an active participant in developing and rolling out an aquaculture HACCP program) for finfish and shellfish aquaculture in Florida. The faculty member interacts with and provides leadership for FSG extension agents who work in coastal communities around the state. The intent is to maintain the productivity and reputation of the established seafood technology program currently shared by FSHN and FSG, working cooperatively across departments, universities and related programs locally, nationally, and internationally. The common link is seafood commerce and consumption in Florida. Tenure will accrue in FSHN.

The successful candidate will participate actively in undergraduate and graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis, dissertation and undergraduate research, and publishing research results with students. Faculty are encouraged to participate in

professional development activities related to teaching and advising and may teach courses and seminars. The faculty member will actively seek contract and grant funding to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area related to aquaculture, safety and quality.

Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

Qualifications

Required:

A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Food Science and Technology with a focus on seafood or a closely related discipline is required. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Preferred:

Postdoctoral experience is desirable.

Background Information:

The Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, a large, interdisciplinary unit within IFAS, is comprised of three distinct undergraduate programs: Food Science, Nutritional Sciences, and Dietetics. The Food Science program is an approved curriculum with the Institute of Food Technologists. Undergraduate student enrollment is approximately 700, including 100 Food Science students. The graduate program enrolls approximately 100 M.S. and Ph.D. students. Graduate level programs are competitive and provide the opportunity for graduate student mentorship. Please consult the departmental webpage for additional information (<http://fshn.ifas.ufl.edu/index.shtml>). The department's 31 faculty conduct research, teaching and extension programs in a broad range of areas, including food safety and microbiology, phytochemical characterization, aquatic foods, fruit and juice processing, engineering modeling, micro- and macronutrient metabolism, pre- and probiotics, nutritional immunology, obesity and many other areas. The department has a strong interdisciplinary nature and there is great opportunity for unique collaborations, such as those established through the Center for Nutritional Sciences (<http://nutritionalsciences.centers.ufl.edu>). Within walking distance are superb opportunities to participate in translational research with the Clinical and Translational Science Institute and collaborate with faculty from the Colleges of Medicine, Health and Human Performance, Public Health, Pharmacy, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Agricultural and Life Sciences. The University's Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research provides research support laboratories for proteomics, genomics, bioinformatics, and cellomics.

FSG is one of 33 Sea Grant Programs nationwide that together form the National Sea Grant College Program, as authorized by Federal legislation under the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Florida Sea Grant operates through a statewide university-based research, education and extension partnership of state and federal

agencies, businesses and citizens. The mission of FSG is to support integrated research, education, communications and extension to enhance the practical use and conservation of coastal and marine resources in Florida to create a sustainable economy and environment. This is achieved by coordinating a multi-faceted yet integrated program that addresses critical local, state and national issues related to the oceans and coasts in four focus areas: seafood production and safety; sustainable and hazard-resilient coastal communities; healthy coastal and marine ecosystems; and climate change impacts and adaptations. Please consult the FSG webpage for additional information (<http://www.flseagrant.org>).

The University of Florida (<http://www.ufl.edu>) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 53,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<http://cals.ufl.edu>), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://research.ifas.ufl.edu>), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu>), the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>), the Florida Sea Grant program (<http://www.flseagrant.org/>), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (REC) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Employment Conditions

This position is available 2 April 2019, and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

Nominations

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

Please refer to Requisition # 41188

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Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <http://apply.interfolio.com/58084> and submit:
 - Cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Copies of your three most substantive peer-reviewed journal articles, demonstrating contributions to the field of seafood science
 - Contact information (including email addresses) for 3 individuals willing to write letters of recommendation
 - Unofficial transcripts

Selected candidate will be required to provide an official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#).

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida's Sunshine Law.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff.