Faculty Position in Nutrition Science
Purdue University
Professor/Associate Professor and Dietary Assessment Center Director

The Position

The Department of Nutrition Science in the College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) seeks applicants for a tenure-track faculty position at the Associate or Full Professor level with research focusing on dietary assessment. The successful candidate’s research expertise, which can include clinical to population-based approaches, will complement and strengthen the department’s signature areas: metabolism and obesity; minerals, vitamin D, and bone health; food, ingestive behavior, and population nutrition; and carcinogenesis and cancer prevention. The successful candidate will also lead the Dietary Assessment Center within the Purdue Clinical Research Center (CRC) for the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI; www.purdue.edu/hhs/nutr/crc) with support from the Director of the CRC and Department Head.

This will be a nine-month appointment with the possibility of internally or externally funded summer support. The successful candidate will bring/build an independent externally funded research program. The individual is also expected to participate in teaching and outreach activities consistent with the appointment and candidate’s area of expertise.

Requirements

Applicants must hold a PhD in Nutrition Science or a closely related field. A strong publication record, demonstrated ability to obtain external research funding, and success in teaching and service assignments are also required. Applicants with a demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion are preferred.

The Department of Nutrition Science

The mission of the Department of Nutrition Science (https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/nutr/) is to conduct the highest caliber nutrition science research, to educate students in a diverse and inclusive environment, and to promote health through engagement with the public. The Department is committed to providing exceptional undergraduate and graduate education and currently has approximately 250 undergraduate students and 35 graduate students. Many opportunities exist for professional development, collaboration, and pilot funding across HHS units and campus-wide (e.g., public health, obesity, gerontology, child/adolescent development, disease prevention, imaging, biomedical engineering). Nutrition Science is part of the college of HHS, which is dedicated to making lives better by using cutting-edge interdisciplinary research to tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our time. It is the second-largest college at Purdue with over 250 faculty and nearly 5,000 students. Opportunities for collaboration exist across the NIH-supported CTSI (www.indianactsi.org),
Discovery Park (www.purdue.edu/discoverypark), the Purdue Graduate School (www.gradschool.purdue.edu), the Women’s Global Health Institute (https://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/WGHI/), the Bindley Bioscience Center (https://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/bioscience/), the Center on Aging and the Life Course (www.purdue.edu/aging), and over 100 other centers at Purdue (www.purdue.edu/research/centers-institutes-cores/list.php). Purdue itself is one of the nation’s leading land-grant universities, with an enrollment of over 48,000 students.

The Purdue Clinical Research Center

The Purdue CRC is a 7,000-sq-ft nutrition research facility that provides bionutrition, dietary assessment, and clinical services for the Department, College, campus and CTSI. The CRC includes space, equipment, and staff to support government-, academic-, and industry-sponsored human research studies. The CRC also coordinates with the CTSI CRC at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, IN. The successful candidate will work with faculty and staff to ensure high quality dietary assessment services, plan for and develop new opportunities, and manage the daily operations of the Dietary Assessment Center.

Application Procedure

Applications need to be submitted to https://careers.purdue.edu/job-invite/22508/ and need to include (1) a complete curriculum vitae, (2) a statement of research, (3) a statement of teaching, (4) at least three names of reference, and (5) a Diversity and Inclusion Statement. Purdue University’s Department of Nutrition Science is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort including discovery, instruction, and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these areas in a separate Diversity and Inclusion Statement, indicating their past experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion. Purdue University, the College of Health and Human Sciences, and the Department of Nutrition Science are committed to free and open inquiry in all matters. Candidates are encouraged to address in their cover letter how they are prepared to contribute to a climate that values free inquiry and academic freedom.

A background check will be required for employment in this position. Review of applications and interviews will begin on November 10, 2022, and will continue until position is filled. Nominations and confidential questions regarding the position should be directed to the search chair, Heather A. Eicher-Miller, PhD: heicherm@purdue.edu.

Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.