

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
JOINT INSTITUTE FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Non-Tenure Track Faculty

Full-Time (Contractual)

The Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) at the University of Maryland College Park is looking for an individual to manage its Food Safety Training Programs. One of JIFSAN's goals is to improve the safety of foods for U.S. consumers and also those from other countries. The safety of foods being imported to the U.S. is a major concern. To assist in addressing this issue, JIFSAN is working with government agencies such as the FDA and USDA, industry and consumer groups to provide international training programs that will improve the safety of foods exported to the U.S. at the actual site of production. The JIFSAN International Training Center is home for a collection of training programs, such as: Good Agriculture Practices (GAP), Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) and Commercially Sterile Packaged Foods (CSPF). Responsibilities will include strategic direction and day-to-day management of JIFSAN Food Safety Training Programs. Opportunities will exist to participate in food safety research and professional activities.

Responsibilities:

- Manage JIFSAN's Food Safety Training Programs including program marketing, hiring and mentoring of instructors, development of website content, and development and implementation of a strategic plan for program growth.
- Develop a pilot mechanism for post training follow up studies, including developing a web-based system for program evaluation and conducting follow up visits.
- Lead and participate in reviews of related training programs, materials and procedures. Oversee development and re-development of programs and materials as needed.
- Network with Federal agencies, International organizations, trade associations, academic institutions and others to identify needs and funding opportunities for food safety trainings.
- Represent JIFSAN at conferences and seminars as appropriate.
- Serve as primary JIFSAN Liaison to U.S. Government Agencies involved in food safety training.
- Monitor and respond to appropriate grant opportunities.
- Serve as an Instructor on the teaching team of at least one of the training programs.

Qualifications:

Required –

- Ph.D.
- Professional background in science, economics or other discipline relevant to food safety
- Familiarity with the language and concepts of food safety risk analysis
- Demonstrated ability to clearly present ideas, reports, recommendations, both orally and in writing
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong organizational skills; strong adherence to deadlines; strong interpersonal and communication skills

Preferred –

- Academic training or practical experience in evaluating and analyzing needs for food safety capacity building as they pertain to governmental regulatory and/or information policy (e.g. collection and use of information, survey design) is desired
- Strong background in information structure management
- Experience in one of the following training areas: GAPs, GAqPs or CSPF

Salary and Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with experience. The University of Maryland offers an extensive benefits package.

Applications:

Send a letter of application, resume (signed), transcripts (copy acceptable for application process), and three (3) professional references including: name, mailing address, telephone number, E-mail address to: Research Associate Search Committee – JIFSAN, 1122 Patapsco Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 *Or* you may submit your application materials in MS Word format to vpetty@umd.edu

Closing Date: October 23, 2009 or until a suitable candidate is selected.

Minorities and Women Are Encouraged to Apply. The University of Maryland is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer