

## Position Announcement

Department Chair, Nutrition and Food Science  
School of Human Environmental Sciences  
College of Agriculture  
University of Kentucky

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science invites applications and nominations for the position of Department Chair.

### Responsibilities

The Department Chair leads departmental efforts associated with teaching, research, extension, and service. Responsibilities include promoting the academic success of students; shared administration of undergraduate and graduate programs; recruitment, mentoring, and evaluation of faculty; management of budget and departmental resources; planning, assessment and reporting; and interaction with internal and external constituencies. The Chair will collaborate with faculty, administrators and other units to develop innovative, interdisciplinary programs to meet the needs of students, Extension clientele, research sponsors, and other stakeholders.

The Department Chair will be expected to provide both the vision and the operational management enabling the Department to advance and grow in all mission areas. As the lead academic officer for the Department, he/she reports directly to the Dean of the College and works under the leadership of the Director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences on matters related to school programs.

### Qualifications

The Department Chair will have earned a doctorate in a field related to Nutrition or Dietetics, and will possess a distinguished record of professional accomplishment in teaching, research, extension, and service commensurate with an appointment as a tenured Professor. Additional attributes include strong evidence of professional leadership, organizational abilities, people management skills, as well as commitment to the land grant mission of teaching, basic/applied research, extension, and service. Understanding of accredited dietetic programs is necessary.

### Context

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science is engaged in an exciting reorganization process that provides an opportunity for a visionary leader to contribute to a department that is viewed by the College as an important growth area. As part of this reorganization, the Department is proposing a new name, "Dietetics and Human Nutrition". An undergraduate program in Hospitality Management is being moved from this department to another in the School.

Research focuses on translational and multi-disciplinary endeavors in: obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, community nutrition, and food safety. The Department faculty lead strong cooperative extension programs in nutrition, food systems, and health related sciences for improving the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

The department has approximately 450 undergraduate majors (dietetics or human nutrition) and 20 graduate students. The Department houses three dietetic programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE). Undergraduate programs in the School of Human Environmental Sciences are accredited through the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

### Application Process

The Search Committee will begin reviewing applications in early December; nominations and application will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidates should submit the following materials:

- Statement of interest that includes a brief description of leadership style and approach to shared faculty governance
- Vision for the Department (please limit to two pages or less).
- Curriculum Vitae
- Applications will be confidential and references will not be contacted until a short list is identified and you are notified.

To apply for job # SM538407, a UK Online Application may be submitted at [www.uky.edu/hr/ukjobs](http://www.uky.edu/hr/ukjobs). The direct link for the application is available at [https://ukjobs.uky.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails\\_css.jsp?postingId=799663](https://ukjobs.uky.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=799663). If you have any questions about the application process, contact Dr. Werner-Wilson, Chair of the Search Committee, or HR/ Employment, phone (859) 257-9555 press 2, or email [ukjobs@email.uky.edu](mailto:ukjobs@email.uky.edu).

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