Area of Focus: Foods for Health

Department: Open, depending on preferences of the candidate

Position: Faculty Director, Foods for Health program

Description:
The Foods for Health (FFH) program at The Ohio State University (discovery.osu.edu/ffh) seeks a Faculty Director. The Ohio State University is one of the few academic institutions in the U.S. with faculty expertise in food, nutrition and health-related research and education assigned to departments in the following colleges that are located on one easily navigable campus: Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; Arts and Sciences; Education and Human Ecology; Medicine; Dentistry; Veterinary Medicine; and Engineering. This enables a ‘farm-to-clinic-to-consumer’ approach to address the use of foods and diet for maintaining health and preventing or delaying onset of chronic diseases. The institution has made a major investment in increasing its capabilities and capacity in metabolomics technology. Metabolomics is being integrated with other omic approaches to create a healthier future for individuals through collaborative partnerships among basic, applied, and translational researchers. To achieve this goal, 15 faculty with expertise in metabolomics and foods for health are being hired across six colleges, several well-equipped chemical instrumentation cores have been established, and programmatic funds are available to catalyze further development of productive transdisciplinary teams. In addition to providing leadership for the FFH program, the Director will be expected to maintain an active research program, mentor students, and engage in teaching.

Qualifications:
Preference will be given to those presently holding the rank of Professor or Associate Professor in an academic program appropriate for the focus area and experienced with metabolomics technologies. Desired candidates will have a strong research program in foods, nutrition and their application to health outcomes, demonstrated leadership and problem-solving skills, management acumen, experience in technology commercialization,
the ability to develop alliances among the academic, public, and private sectors that foster transdisciplinary collaborations, excellent communications skills, and the ability to inspire teamwork. Preferred qualifications include evidence of participation on successful interdisciplinary research teams and experience mentoring members of underrepresented groups.

Application Instructions:
To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter, C.V., and commentary highlighting your research plans, philosophy of leadership, vision for moving the FFH program to national prominence, experience promoting collaboration and diversity, and experience mentoring members of underrepresented groups, to Dr. Cathann Kress, Vice President and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, and chair of the search committee. Review of applications will begin November 1, 2017, and the position will remain open until filled.

The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies.

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regards to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.