



Food Science and Human  
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**POSITION # 00038437**  
**REQUISITION # 522553**

**Title:** Research Assistant Professor

**Location:** Food Science and Human Nutrition  
University of Florida  
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)  
Gainesville, FL 32611

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

**Position closes:** July 6, 2022

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

The [Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences](#) is committed to creating an environment of inclusive excellence that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression. Inclusive excellence is the active process of including and respecting everyone as we strive for excellence and equitable outcomes in all we do at the University of Florida. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. We strongly encourage historically underrepresented groups to apply.

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) or visit [Accessibility at UF](#) .

This is a 12-month non-tenure-accruing, full time position that will be 85% research and 15% teaching available in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include conducting research in molecular nutrition, specific to the area of zinc metabolism and function. The incumbent is expected to perform independent research and supervise students and postdoctoral trainees. This person will maintain an active research program based on ability to attract competitive extramural funds in areas that complements current research in the Department. Collaboration is available and expected across other departments and institutions with related molecular nutrition expertise as well as commercial collaborations addressing both domestic and international concerns. The research efforts may venture into other fundable interests consistent with the Land Grant and Sea Grant missions of the University.

This position will also teach the undergraduate course HUN 4813C Laboratory Techniques in Molecular Nutrition. This course focuses on laboratory techniques relevant to the study of nutrition, ranging from biochemistry, molecular biology, genomics, and bioinformatics. Teaching duties will include advising

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undergraduate students and supporting student professional development activities. There may be additional or different courses assigned that complements the Department's educational programs.

### **Qualifications**

#### **Required:**

A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in nutritional sciences or related field; a minimum of four years of related postdoctoral research experience is essential. Experience in molecular biology and metabolic experimentation with animals 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.

### **Background Information:**

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 56,000 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.flseagrants.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. UF/IFAS employs nearly 4,500 people, which includes approximately 990 salaried faculty and 1,400 permanent 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 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 **08/01/22** 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 # 522553  
Wendy Dahl  
Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
University of Florida  
Food Science and Human Nutrition  
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### **Application Information**

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <https://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/en-us/job/522553> and submit:
  - Cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Contact information (including email addresses) for three 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 \(NACES\)](#).

Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. The University of Florida is a public institution and subject to all requirements under Florida Sunshine and Public Record laws.

The [University of Florida](#) is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The University and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of cultural events, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activities, and social opportunities.

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