



**Assistant Professor of Food Microbiology
Department of Food Science
Penn State**

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Job Title: Assistant Professor of Food Microbiology

Work Unit: College of Agricultural Sciences

Department: Food Science

Announce Start Date: 01/04/2017

Closing End Date: Open Until Filled

The Department of Food Science at The Pennsylvania State University is seeking an Assistant Professor of Food Microbiology (70% Teaching; 30% Research) to enhance educational programs in food safety. This is a 36-week appointment. The Department, housed in the Erickson Food Science Building, has state-of-the-art research and teaching labs, three specialized and dedicated pilot plants, and the Berkey Creamery. The successful candidate will join a dynamic, productive, and collaborative faculty in a vibrant and growing Department. For more information on the department, visit <http://foodscience.psu.edu>. Teaching Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to develop and teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate level in topics related to food microbiology, reducing microbial risks in foods, and other areas that will prepare students for careers in industry, regulatory agencies, and academia. In addition, the person in this role will be expected to advise undergraduate students; supervise graduate students in thesis research projects and participate in the outreach activities and programs of the department, college and university, as appropriate. Research Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to establish an externally-funded research program in an area of food microbiology. Research interests should complement existing Departmental research and Extension activities in microbial food safety. The successful candidate will be encouraged to develop appropriate collaborations within the Food Science Department or with other units across Penn State such as the Interdisciplinary Program in Bioinformatics and Genomics, the Genome Sciences Institute, the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, the Center for Molecular Immunology and Infectious Diseases, the Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics, Departments of Animal Science, Plant Sciences, and Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and/or The E. coli Reference Center.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in food science or a closely related field with demonstrated expertise in microbial food safety. Postdoctoral or industrial experience focused on food safety as well as experience in developing courses and teaching is highly desirable. The ability to work professionally with faculty, staff, and students from diverse populations required. The applicant should possess a willingness to work as part of a multidisciplinary team. Applicants should upload a (1) letter of application, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) academic transcripts, (4) teaching philosophy, (5) statement of research interests and (6) names of at least three professional references (including address, telephone and e-mail address). For additional information about this position, please contact: Luke LaBorde, Ph.D., Chair of Search Committee, Phone: 814-863-2298; Email: LFL5@psu.edu. Review of applications will begin on March 27, 2017 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Anticipated start date is July 1, 2017 or as negotiated.

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