

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

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Non-Tenure Track Faculty

Full-Time (Term Appointment)

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 Risk Analysis Program activities that provide opportunities in education, outreach, and research for food safety professionals, students, and faculty with a wide range of interests. Responsibilities will include strategic direction and day-to-day management of all JIFSAN Risk Analysis Program activities. Opportunities will exist to participate in food safety risk analysis research and professional activities.

Responsibilities:

- Manage the Food Safety Risk Analysis Professional Development Program including program marketing, hiring and mentoring of instructors, development of website content, and development and implementation of a strategic plan for program growth.
- Manage the FoodRisk.org web site including issues related to design, troubleshooting, implementation of new functions, and content control.
- Lead and participate in Risk Analysis and Risk Assessment projects and related professional activities as time permits.
- Supervise the activities of a part-time information specialist (librarian) and JIFSAN IT staff.
- Collaborate with FDA staff as needed and appropriate to maintain and improve the technical content of FoodRisk.org, develop teaching materials, and in research-related activities.
- Network with Federal agencies, International organizations, trade associations, academic institutions and others to identify and post risk-related data, methods, models, and related information on FoodRisk.org
- Represent JIFSAN at conferences and seminars (e.g., Society for Risk Analysis).
- Serve as primary JIFSAN Liaison with the Center for Risk Communication Research.
- Monitor and respond to appropriate grant opportunities.
- May serve as an Instructor in the teaching team for the Risk Analysis Professional Development programs.

Qualifications:

Required –

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

Preferred –

- M.S. or Ph.D.
- Academic training or practical experience in evaluating and analyzing risk analysis needs 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

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, transcripts (copy acceptable for application process), and three (3) professional references including; name, mailing address, telephone number, E-mail address to Ms. Mary Grimley, Search Committee – JIFSAN ,1122 Patapsco Bldg, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-6730 *Or* you may submit your application materials in MS Word format to marygrimley@umd.edu

Closing Date: April 30, 2008 or until a suitable candidate is selected.

***Minorities and Women Are Encouraged to Apply
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