Associate/Full Professor in Child Health and Well-Being Position

The University of Georgia Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS), in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS), is seeking applications for an Associate or Full Professor with tenure to provide leadership in our focus on child health and well-being. The position is a nine-month academic appointment. We are seeking applications and nominations of individuals with stature in research to be appointed the first endowed Georgia Athletic Association Professor in Family Health Disparities. Start date: August 2015 or as negotiated. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Required Qualifications:** Earned doctorate in Human Development and Family Science, or closely related area (social work, psychology, education, public health, sociology), with a focus on child development, particularly child health and well-being and qualified for tenure on appointment at either the full or associate professor level. Appointment to rank of associate professor will be extended to individuals with similar rank at comparable institution and evidence of emerging stature as national authority in the discipline. Appointment to rank of professor will be extended to individuals with at least five years as associate professor (eligible for promotion to rank of professor upon appointment) or rank of professor at comparable institution and must show clear and convincing evidence of high levels of attainment in teaching and research and commensurate national or international recognition related to child health and well-being. A successful applicant must have an established research program and experience working in collaborative multidisciplinary academic environment including sociology, social work, public health, nutrition, education and psychology. We seek demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement and research productivity including grants and publications, as well as a national and/or international reputation in the area of child health and well-being.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Training and experience in advanced quantitative methodology is preferred.

**Responsibilities:** Conduct a rigorous, externally-funded, nationally-recognized research program in child health and well-being and publish in scholarly outlets; collaborate within pivotal networks in the discipline; mentor undergraduate and graduate students; contribute to teaching in child development, child health and health disparity courses in the HDFS Department; build on the existing strengths in the College and department, potentially including the Department of Foods and Nutrition, specifically interfacing funded research projects on topics such as family dynamics, vulnerabilities and resilience, diverse families (immigrant and refugee families, Hispanic and African-American families), food insecurity, health behaviors, child obesity, and prevention as related to child health. Participate in governance at both the department and college level, and in professional organizations. The successful candidate will demonstrate competencies in collaborating, fostering teamwork, mentoring students, and providing leadership in teaching and research in child health and well-being.
Application: To ensure full consideration, application materials should be received by December 15, 2014. The position is open until filled. The application packet must include a cover letter of interest that addresses how credentials and experience meet the responsibilities and qualifications of the position; current curriculum vitae, and names and contact information of 3 professional references (name, address, email, and phone), familiar with the applicant’s work.

Email submissions with attachments to: hdfsearch@fcs.uga.edu. In lieu of email submission, written application materials may be directed to Livia Wade, Department of Human Development and Family Science College of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Georgia, 123 Dawson Hall, Athens, GA 30602.

The University of Georgia, located in Athens, Georgia, is the flagship Research I, land grant institution in the University System of Georgia. Founded in 1785, the University of Georgia is the largest and most comprehensive educational institution in the state. The campus and community of Athens offer many cultural and recreational opportunities. UGA has approximately 36,000 undergraduate students and has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 20 public institutions of higher education in the United States. The Athens campus is approximately 60 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains and 185 miles from the coast. Visit the University’s website at www.uga.edu for additional information.

The Department of Human Development and Family Science has 24 faculty, 400 undergraduates, and 50 graduate students. Doctoral training involves cutting-edge approaches to the study of individuals and families across the life span including the development and evaluation of intervention and preventive intervention programs for individuals and families at risk. The HDFS department has recently established a Quantitative Methods in Family Science (QMFS) certificate program to provide students with cutting edge statistical and methodological training. An applied emphasis is offered in The Child Life Program for students interested in becoming certified as Child Life Specialists and work with children and families in healthcare settings (www.childlife.org). There are a number of potential collaborating units which provide research infrastructure, including the Owens Institute of Behavioral Research and the Center for Family Research with a focus on prevention with youth and families. More information about the department and College can be found at www.fcs.uga.edu.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Employment/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.

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