Department Head

Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors

The Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors at the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences invites applications and nominations for the position of Department Head. The Department Head will articulate and communicate a clear vision for the future and effectively interact with a constituency that includes academia, industry, alumni, and students. This position requires strong leadership capabilities, the ability to secure research and development funding, and it is expected that the successful candidate will lead the faculty and its programs to a higher level of excellence. Excellent leadership, interpersonal, communication, and managerial skills are required.

The department head reports directly to the dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and is a member of a leadership team committed to the integration of the missions of research, instruction, and outreach in a research land-grant institution.

The Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors (TMI) has approximately 276 students in bachelors, master, and doctoral programs. Undergraduate majors are offered in Furnishings and Interiors and Fashion Merchandising including an emphasis in Product Development and Design. The department is a member of the National Retail Federation and is endorsed by the American Apparel and Footwear Association. The Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation, a board of industry professionals, provides guidance to the curriculum and scholarships for students. The graduate programs lead to a Master of Science in Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors and a Ph.D. in Polymer, Fiber and Textile Sciences and a Ph.D. emphasis in International Merchandising. Presently there are 15 faculty members, including two endowed professors, engaged in teaching, research and service. More information about the Department can be found at www.fcs.uga.edu/tmi

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences faculty and students study and apply the principles of design and business, and the sciences and technologies to develop healthier people and thriving businesses and communities through more effective educators and a high-tech global workforce. see www.fcs.uga.edu. More than 75 faculty, 1,500 undergraduates and 200 graduate students are involved in experiential and online learning, funded research and statewide outreach programs in the fields of Human Development and Family Science; Foods and Nutrition; Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics; and Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors.

The University of Georgia, located in Athens, Georgia, is a 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 35,200 undergraduates 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 main campus is approximately 60 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains, 185 miles from the coast, and 70-80 miles from Atlanta, a large, diverse, major metropolitan area. Visit the University’s website at www.uga.edu for additional information.

**Required Qualifications:** Earned doctorate with at least one graduate degree in the disciplines of the department or closely related area. Current rank of professor with tenure, or at least five years as associate professor with tenure, clear and convincing evidence of high levels of scholarly achievement and national or international recognition in the discipline, a proven record of leadership and administrative effectiveness, and a commitment to excellence in research, undergraduate and graduate education, and public service.

**Responsibilities:** The Department Head will be expected to provide leadership for planning and implementing the department's vision and mission; promote excellence in research, instruction and outreach; work cooperatively with administrators, faculty, students, alumni, and the public; recruit and evaluate personnel; provide leadership for funding initiatives; manage departmental budget and facilities; develop and maintain collaborative relationships with relevant industries, agencies, professional societies, consumer groups, and university units; and be actively involved in research, teaching, and/or outreach.

The position is a nine-month academic year appointment with administrative and summer months salary supplement; startup package negotiable. Start date: August 5, 2016.

**Applications:** To ensure full consideration, application materials should be received by **Tuesday, November 24, 2015**. The application packet should include a cover letter of interest that addresses how credentials and experience meet the responsibilities and qualifications of the position; a current curriculum vitae; the names including contact information (telephone and email) of three professional references (who will not be contacted without further correspondence with the applicant).

All applicants must apply online at FacultyJobs@UGA. Please see the job posting at: http://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/425

Nominations, questions and/or other inquiries should be directed to Search Committee Chair, Dr. Emilie Smith, Head, Department of Human Development and Family Science, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Georgia, 123 Dawson Hall, Athens, GA 30602, 706-542-4831, Emilie.Smith@uga.edu.

The college welcomes applications and nominations of minorities and others who share our passion about and reflect our desire to support a culture of diversity and inclusion. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status.