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Department of Human Development and Family Science  
*College of Family and Consumer Sciences*

**University of Georgia, Department of Human Development and Family Science: Assistant/Associate Professor.**

The Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) at the University of Georgia is soliciting applicants for an assistant or associate professor to begin August 2023. We are seeking to hire an individual with expertise in computational social science, with a focus on understanding families and individual development broadly defined. We are especially interested in those that use computational methods in neuroscience to understand the interplay between biological and environmental contributions to health and development. We would also consider highly qualified candidates in other areas of biobehavioral science, including developmental cognitive neuroscience, genetic or epigenetic contributions to health and development, bioinformatics methods, the role of big data in predicting health outcomes, and research concerning health disparities and inequities. The intention is to hire a faculty member who is grant-active and can supplement the reputation of the faculty in advanced social science design and methods.

We are particularly seeking individuals who can assist in training graduate students in biobehavioral, computational science, and/or neuroimaging methodologies. This position will provide support for the HDFS Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Family and Social Sciences. The hire would join a dynamic program with a strong history of collaborative basic and applied research that cuts across methodological and disciplinary boundaries. Successful candidates will contribute to an established curriculum in HDFS at both graduate and undergraduate levels; maintain a rigorous, nationally or internationally-recognized research program using advanced analytical strategies; secure funding from external sources commensurate with rank and experience; publish in peer-reviewed scholarly outlets; and mentor doctoral students.

**Qualifications:** Earned doctorate in HDFS or closely related area (e.g., psychology, neuroscience, sociology, public health, education, gerontology, etc.) at the time of appointment is required. A minimum of one year of postdoctoral experience is strongly preferred. Appointment to rank of associate professor will be extended to individuals with at least five years as assistant professor (eligible for promotion to rank of associate professor upon appointment) at a 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 developmental science and/or family studies. The successful candidate must show evidence of, or clear potential for, successful teaching at the graduate level and securing external research funding. See [UGA's criteria for faculty appointment, promotion and tenure](#).

The position is part of a campus-wide Presidential Interdisciplinary Faculty Hiring Initiative in Computational Social Sciences that aims to recruit a total of 50 faculty members who will educate students and advance research in data science and AI. The majority of UGA's newly recruited faculty will focus on the fusion of data science, AI, and computational social sciences in cross-cutting areas such as health and medicine, biomanufacturing, infectious diseases, integrative precision agriculture, ethics, cybersecurity, resilient communities, and the environment. The cluster hiring initiative will bridge research efforts between multiple colleges across UGA.

**Applications:** Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Full consideration will be given to applications received by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Candidates should submit their application online via <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/297335>. Required materials include a letter of interest, curriculum vita, statements of research and teaching interests, a diversity statement, up to three preprints/reprints of representative publications, and contact information for three references. The diversity statement should describe one or more ways you will contribute to building an equitable, inclusive, and diverse learning environment in teaching, mentoring, research, and service. Direct additional questions about the position to Dr. Geoffrey Brown ([gfbrown@uga.edu](mailto:gfbrown@uga.edu)) or Dr. Assaf Oshri ([oshri@uga.edu](mailto:oshri@uga.edu)), search committee co-chairs.

**About HDFS at UGA:** The Department of Human Development and Family Science provides leadership in the field via cutting edge research, pedagogy, and service. We are an interdisciplinary program focusing on individual, relationship, and family development within diverse ecological contexts. Faculty research interests include infancy and childhood, adolescence and young adulthood, adult development and aging, parenting and caregiving, interpersonal relationships, health and biobehavioral processes, diversity and culture, and contexts of human development. We have a vibrant program with over 480 undergraduate majors, 48 graduate students, and 20 faculty operating in a collegial and supportive



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environment. Faculty in the department collaborate with numerous programs and institutions across campus including The Neuroscience Program, Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, Center for Family Research, Bio-Imaging Research Center, Health Sciences Campus, Institute on Human Development and Disability, Institute of Gerontology, McPhaul Child Development Center, and UGA Cooperative Extension. Additional information about the department may be found at: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/hdfs>.

The University of Georgia, located in Athens, Georgia, is a Research I land-grant and sea-grant university 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 30,000 undergraduate students and has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 15 public institutions of higher education in the United States. Recently, UGA was ranked 15th by the Kiplinger Magazine in the list of the “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.” The Athens campus is approximately 60 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains and 185 miles from the coast. Visit the University’s website at <http://www.uga.edu> for additional information.

**Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** The Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) Department at the University of Georgia aims to promote social justice, disrupt systems of oppression and marginalization, and advocate for the well-being of diverse individuals and families through teaching, research, and outreach. This is central to promoting optimal individual and family development. The HDFS Department is committed to: diversifying our faculty, staff and student body; creating opportunities and venues for continued faculty, staff and student learning, accountability, and discussion about issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice; utilizing critical pedagogical practices in our curriculum that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice in undergraduate, graduate, and extension education; generating and disseminating socially relevant research and scholarship; engaging with diverse communities through culturally responsive, decolonizing service and outreach; creating a climate of social justice learning within the HDFS community by examining and challenging institutional structural inequalities; and annually assessing our individual and collective progress toward these commitments.

Likewise, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia embraces a commitment to diversity by modeling for the state and nation a community of individuals and programs which seek to reduce prejudice, disparities,



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and discrimination and build a supportive environment for all (see <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/about/diversity> for more information). We welcome applicants who share this commitment. 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, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR ([hrweb@uga.edu](mailto:hrweb@uga.edu)). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.