Ph.D. Assistantship Available in Community and Public Health Nutrition

The University of Georgia, Department of Foods and Nutrition, Community Nutrition Lab (led by Dr. Jung Sun Lee, PhD RDN) is recruiting two Ph.D. students in the areas of community and public health nutrition to develop, implement, and evaluate innovative and multi-level nutrition education and obesity prevention programs targeted to low-income population.

Anticipated starting date: August, 2020

Community Nutrition Laboratory: Dr. Lee examines nutritional health issues in low-income population with a focus on program development and evaluation of community-based nutrition interventions and nutrition policy. She conducts studies to understand the extent and nature of food insecurity, to develop, implement, and evaluate nutrition interventions to promote food security, and to establish research methodology and datasets to examine the food and nutrition issues in human services including public assistance, aging services, and healthcare to meet the needs of low-income individuals. Current projects (http://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/research-community-and-public-health) include the SNAP-Ed (https://foodtalk.org/), Georgia CAFE (Community Advocacy to Access Food Stamps for the Elderly and Disabled, http://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/georgia-cafe), and food insecurity and healthcare utilization.

Responsibilities: The successful candidates for this Ph.D. assistantship funding is expected to develop and evaluate multi-level nutrition interventions using community and public health approaches targeted to SNAP-Ed eligible individuals through direct education, online education, and a comprehensive social marketing campaign. Candidates with MS degree, Registered Dietitian (RD) credential, and bilingual skills in English and Spanish are preferred.

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Applicants for this assistantship must first apply to both the UGA graduate program and the Department of Foods and Nutrition graduate program. Full consideration will be given to applications received by early December, 2019.