



College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Human Development & Family Science

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Assistant Research Scientist in Rural Social Science in Department of Human Development and Family Science based at UGA-Athens campus –

<https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/222764>

The University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences is seeking applications from an outstanding rural social scientist with experience related to farm and ranch stress. The position is 100% research, 12-month, non-tenure track, fiscal year appointment. The position is grant-funded, with an initial funded period of 2 years, potentially renewable. The occupant of this faculty position will be responsible for providing leadership for research related to the Southern Region Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN), including analyzing economic, environmental and public health data to identify research-based strategies and creating and evaluating targeted grant activities in community areas of high need (see farmandranchstress.com for more details about FRSAN Georgia). Primary data collection will also be expected in response to informational needs that arise. Dissemination of research findings through peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations, in-depth collaboration with the multi-state project teams, and exploration of additional funding opportunities in relation to the farm stress initiative are expected. Computer, statistical software and other needed supports will be provided. Anticipated start date: January 1, 2022. Employment beyond the two years is dependent upon continuation of external funding.

Requirements: Candidates must have an earned Doctoral degree (at the time of appointment) in Human Development and Family Science, Sociology, or a closely related area (e.g., social work, psychology, public health). Candidates must have at least 2 years of demonstrated research experience related to occupational and work-related stress in rural communities. Research achievements should include a record of peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations. For additional information about the criteria for appointment, please refer to the [Guidelines for Appointment and Promotion of Research Scientists](#).

Preferred qualifications: Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated evidence of funded grants and contracts, particularly those relevant to farm stress or rural communities.

Responsibilities: Create a model for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network in Georgia. Provide leadership for literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, reports and journal publications related to farmer/farm family stress and effective research- tested programming/resources to reduce that stress. Provide leadership for development and implementation of process and outcome evaluation for the Georgia project components of the regional effort. Work with FRSAN team (including PI's, field coordinators, project coordinator) to disseminate evaluation results in multiple dissemination formats. Review and synthesize key findings of the Georgia needs assessment, and provide leadership for ongoing development and evaluation of outcomes/activities identified through the needs assessment. Engage in in-depth collaboration with the multi-state project teams to meet needs and identify resources across collaborating states. The position's home base will be in Athens, Georgia; regular travel to other areas of Georgia will be required.

The Department, University and Community: The Department of Human Development and Family Science has 24 faculty, over 485 undergraduates, and 50 graduate students. The multidisciplinary scientist-practitioner program emphasizes diversity in families through the life cycle. More information about the department and College can be found at <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/hdfs>.

The University of Georgia (UGA), a land-grant and sea-grant university with statewide commitments and responsibilities, is the state's oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education (<https://www.uga.edu/>). UGA is currently ranked among the top 15 public universities in U.S. News & World Report. The University's main campus is located in Athens, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta, with extended campuses in Atlanta, Griffin, Gwinnett,



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and Tifton. UGA was founded in 1785 by the Georgia General Assembly as the first state-chartered University in the country. UGA employs approximately 1,800 full-time instructional faculty and more than 7,700 full-time staff. The University's enrollment exceeds 39,000 students including over 30,000 undergraduates and over 9,000 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 18 schools and colleges, as well as a medical partnership with Augusta University housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Athens.

Applications: Complete applications received via the UGAJobs website <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/222764> by November 15, 2021 will be given full consideration. The department plans to fill this position by January 2022, but the search will remain open until the position is filled. Complete applications must include (1) a cover letter of interest that addresses research experience related to rural stress; (2) a current curriculum vitae; and (3) the contact information for no less than 3 persons committed to writing a letter of recommendation.

Questions about this position or the application process should be directed to Rebecca Brightwell, bbrightw@uga.edu, Assistant Research Scientist Position Search Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Science, University of Georgia, 305 Sanford Drive, Athens, GA 30602.

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, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, 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). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.