**Position Title**:

Assistant Professor of Human Nutrition

**Campus:**

Orono

**Department**:

School of Food and Agriculture - OSFA

**Bargaining Unit**:

AFUM

**Salary Band/Wage Band:**

N/A

**Statement of the Job:**

The School of Food and Agriculture at the University of Maine seeks applicants for a full-time, academic-year, tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the program area of Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSN). The candidate will teach and advise in the undergraduate and graduate nutrition programs, and establish an independent, externally-funded research program in human nutritional biochemistry.  This is a 50% research and 50% teaching position.

The primary teaching responsibilities include FSN 410 Human Nutrition and Metabolism every year at the undergraduate level. Graduate teaching includes a one-credit graduate seminar, FSN 571 Technical Presentations, each year, a course in science communications, and developing a graduate course in the candidate’s area of expertise. Initial teaching load will average 9 credits per year. Future courses may change based on School needs and faculty expertise. In addition the successful candidate will be expected to advise FSN undergraduate majors, support undergraduate research and honors thesis projects, and both recruit and advise graduate students.

The faculty member will conduct research in Nutritional Biochemistry, Molecular Nutrition, and/or Nutrigenomics, focused on translational research to improve human health, especially in Maine’s population. Applicants are expected to build a robust externally-funded research program and create collaborations within the School, with Cooperative Extension, Graduate School of Biomedical Science and Engineering, and other units across campus, and with other institutions such as Jackson Laboratory, Maine Medical Center Research Institute, the medical community in Maine, local farmers, and food producers.

The School of Food and Agriculture offers a B.S. degree program in Food Science and Human Nutrition with three concentrations, of which the Human Nutrition and Dietetics option is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Food Science concentration is approved by the Institute of Food Technologists. The program also offers a M.S. degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition and a Ph.D. in Food and Nutrition Sciences. The wide range of academic interests in the School offers new faculty many opportunities to participate in and develop multidisciplinary research and teaching teams. The School of Food and Agriculture (<http://www.umaine.edu/foodandagriculture/>) has 35 faculty members, over 450 undergraduate students, and approximately 50 graduate students.  In addition to FSN, the School offers B.S. degrees in Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Environmental Horticulture, and Sustainable Agriculture, as well as graduate degrees in a range of programs. School research efforts focus on the role of diet and nutrients in health promotion and disease prevention, sustainable production of plants and animals, and safety and production issues important to food and agriculture-related businesses.

**Qualifications**:

**Required:**

* PhD or equivalent in Nutrition or closely-related field.
* Documented experience in Nutritional Biochemistry, Molecular Nutrition or Nutrigenomics focusing on translational research to improve human health.

**Preferred:**

* Postgraduate research experience success with external funding is highly desirable.
* Excellent teaching skills are expected.
* RDN credential preferred.

**Other Information:**

**Length**:

Academic Year (Sept-May)