POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Director of the Sensory Science and Innovation Center and Assistant Professor of Sensory Science

Responsibilities:
Provide leadership for sensory evaluation services for the food and agricultural-related industry to continue the existing program. Maintain and expand current sensory evaluation client base and oversee operations of the Center. Develop an independent extramurally-funded sensory science research program and publish scholarly peer-reviewed scientific journal articles. Develop productive collaborations with faculty in the Department, the Institute of Agriculture, and the University. Teach a graduate or undergraduate level course in sensory science and related areas as needed by Department. Advise graduate students and serve on graduate student committees. Provide expertise to strengthen the Department’s service programs and participate in departmental and institutional activities.

Required Qualifications: An earned doctorate in Food Science or related fields with a focus on Sensory Science and Statistics. Ability to plan and conduct sensory evaluation and statistical analysis. Willingness and ability to evaluate food products and food ingredients without restrictions. Evidence of the ability to function well with and provide positive contributions to diverse collaborative research teams. The applicant must have demonstrated excellence in effective oral and written communication and organizational skills. The successful candidate must show potential for obtaining extramural funding and publishing scientific peer-reviewed articles. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in sensory laboratory operations.

Benefits: Benefits available include group medical insurance, dental insurance, group and individual life insurance, long-term disability insurance, workers’ compensation, non-contributory retirement (UT makes all contributions), voluntary retirement programs, sick leave, annual leave, paid holidays and administrative leave days, unemployment compensation, educational waivers, and use of University Services. The Food Science and Technology Building houses the Sensory Science Center with ample laboratory space to conduct variety of sensory evaluation panels, focus groups, research, and outreach related to this position.

Applications: The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture located in Knoxville, TN is seeking candidates with the ability to contribute to meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. Applicants should submit: 1) a letter of application, 2) a curriculum vitae detailing educational background qualifications, experience, and publications, 3) a one-page statement of plans for an independent research program including potential funding sources; 4) transcripts of all college work, and 5) names and contact information (with e-mail addresses) of three individuals who will serve as references. Please send all materials to:

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Date position is available: immediately or agreeable with candidate. Complete applications received by September 30, 2015 will be assured of consideration. Candidates are required to submit to a background investigation.