Job Posting: Food Safety Education & Training Graduate Teaching Assistant

Start Date: August 1, 2015

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Clint Stevenson, Assistant Professor of Food Science

Program Overview: The Food Safety Education & Training program at NC State provides distance education to the food industry and college students. An interdisciplinary team of faculty, staff, designers, developers, and students maintain this program and innovate, deliver, and evaluate new applications that optimize student engagement and learning outcomes. This program is part of the Department of Food, Bioprocessing, and Nutrition Sciences and has ongoing collaborations with the Distance Education & Learning Technology Applications (DELTA) within the Office of the Provost, the College of Design, and outside vendors.

Graduate Student Role: The Graduate Teaching Assistant will contribute toward innovation efforts to develop new learning technologies and serve as a teaching assistant in online food safety classes at NC State. Research responsibilities will entail evaluating the impacts of our learning technologies on gains in food safety knowledge and behaviors. Two current projects include the development of a reality-based interactive food safety inspection activity and evaluation of the effectiveness of social media recruitment campaigns aimed at recruiting the next generation of food safety leaders. This position will report to Dr. Clint Stevenson who is the team leader, but is also expected to directly work with collaborators in the Departments of Art and Design, Psychology, and/or Agricultural and Extension Education, as well as partners from government and/or the food industry.

Time Commitment: Approximately 20 hours/week, varying week-to-week depending on workload

Key Responsibilities:

- Complete the requirements for a M.S. or Ph.D. in Food Science and write a thesis or dissertation on program evaluation of innovative food safety learning technologies and/or recruitment campaigns
- Serve as a teaching assistant for two distance education food safety courses
- Contribute toward development of innovative learning technologies and online courses

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in Food Science or related fields
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Ability to interact with design staff, technical staff, senior management, coworkers, and internal/external clients in a professional manner
- Exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail
- Proficiency with web-based communication and collaboration tools

Preferred:

- Interest or experience in multimedia production (video production and editing, graphic design, web development, etc.)
- Interest or experience in education, training, and program evaluation