

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN NUTRITION AND HEALTH EQUITY
in the Department of Nutrition,
University of California, Davis

The Department of Nutrition, internationally recognized as a premier center of excellence in research, teaching, and extension, is seeking applications for a Professor of Cooperative Extension (CE) to join the faculty at the Assistant rank in the field of nutrition and community health equity. The mission of the Department of Nutrition is to develop and disseminate comprehensive basic and applied knowledge regarding nutritional biology and the translation to improving human health, and to implement and evaluate nutrition interventions and programs for their impact on individuals, society and policy. A Professor of CE is being recruited to conduct original applied research resulting in information that can be applied toward nutrition and health equity at the family and community level with an emphasis on chronic disease risk reduction and community public health resilience, and to develop an extension education and outreach program that extends information to diverse clientele groups (e.g., individuals, families and communities) with emphasis on those at highest risk of food insecurity, diet-related chronic diseases and obesity, including under-represented groups. The successful candidate will bring visibility and leadership to campus- and county-based CE academics and other researchers and educators involved in the study of effective strategies to improve nutrition-related chronic disease risk and health outcomes, and their impact on diverse populations. Research and extension outreach activities will be closely integrated with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), including county-based CE academics and clientele as well as campus-based CE and ladder rank faculty.

Responsibilities: This is a full time, career-track appointment that includes the expectation that the appointee will conduct mission-oriented research and engage in extension education and outreach that advances the mission of the Department of Nutrition and ANR. The focus of this position will be on nutrition and food-related health topics, nutrition programs and recommendations, communicating nutrition and health education to the public, and strengthening community linkages between equitable food access and improvement in chronic disease risk factors related to health outcomes. Accordingly, applicants should have the professional background necessary to conduct original research in emerging issues in foods, nutrition equity, health-related outcomes and community resilience. By developing reciprocal and mutually beneficial relationships with colleagues and with various stakeholders, the candidate should become a knowledgeable partner who can provide reliable information and build research-informed networks to address issues of regional and California-wide importance. Advising and mentoring of graduate students is expected.

Extension Teaching: A person in this position is expected to provide leadership as a liaison between campus-based researchers, CE campus and county-based academics, and clientele and colleague groups such as local and state stakeholders. This will include providing information to clientele through print publications, web-based resources and in-person presentations, and serving as a resource for other CE academics.

Applied Research: The successful candidate will coordinate, conduct and publish the results of applied research related to: 1) Social determinants of health, predictors of nutrition-related health equity and resilience, and 2) Effective strategies to improve community, family and individual health outcomes, or other creative activities designed to address nutrition-related health problems in the community. Areas of emphasis may include any of the following: nutrition intervention programs focused on equitable food access and their impact on health status in populations disproportionately affected by food insecurity, communication and impact of science-based nutrition and health education programs on chronic disease

risk factors among vulnerable populations, or differential impact of nutrition interventions on diverse and underrepresented populations.

Professional Competence and Activity: The candidate will be expected to participate in professional society activities including presenting papers at national and international meetings; reviewing manuscripts and grant proposals in his/her area of expertise; and establishing productive working relationships with scientists and extension personnel in other states and countries. The goal would be to gain national and international recognition for scholarly contributions to the science and practices of nutrition and health equity, as he/she advances to the higher ranks in the UC system.

Qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent degree in nutrition or other closely related discipline with post-doctoral or work experience is required. The successful candidate must have a record that documents productivity in research as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Appointment Date: Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or soon after July 1, 2023.

Applications: Applications should be submitted on-line at <http://recruit.ucdavis.edu/>. Additional inquiries should be directed to Dr. Elizabeth Prado (Recruitment Advisory Committee chair) elprado@ucdavis.edu.

Applicants should submit: curriculum vitae, publication list, a statement of research interests and goals, a summary or abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation, copies or links to 3-5 recent relevant publications, statement of contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion and contact information for three references. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by October 17, 2022.

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FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT (Condensed)

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