

**POSITION X1903** Assistant Professor, Consumer Economics, Family & Consumer Sciences Department. 12-Month Tenure-Track Position. This is a 100% Extension position.

**LOCATION** The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Knoxville, Tennessee

**EFFECTIVE DATE** Screening of applicants' credentials will begin February 15, 2019, and continue until the position is filled.

Tennessee has strong statewide consumer economic leadership that focuses on community-based solutions. The University of Tennessee (UT) Extension, the outreach unit of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), is a strong partner addressing consumer economic issues in rural and urban communities across the state. UT Extension Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) seeks a Consumer Economics faculty member to contribute to the missions of the FCS department, UT Extension, and UTIA.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Plan, develop, and implement research-based adult and youth Extension programs in consumer economics to include, but not limited to, behavioral economics, health insurance education, programs for limited resource audiences, and programs in family resource management.

- Providing interpretation and application of current research, emerging issues and legislation related to the above topics, and use research and current trends to set program direction.
- Developing and actively participating in existing networks and coalitions, with state, regional and national groups serving the same clientele and keeping the program's leadership team and county faculty aware of the networks and their resources.
- Evaluating the need, developing, and revising electronic and print media, curricula, lesson plans, brochures, fact sheets, and other educational materials for dissemination by county staff to targeted clientele.
- Evaluating the effectiveness and impact of state-wide programs in the above program areas; reporting to the appropriate state and national agencies and program stakeholders.
- Providing leadership and technical guidance to county Extension agents/educators in the area of consumer economics by phone, email, on-line training, and in-service training. Technical guidance includes interpreting current research findings, needs assessments, educational strategies, evaluation methods, data collection, data interpretation, and coalition building.
- Provide leadership for statewide 4-H consumer economics projects and activities.
- Leading multi-disciplinary collaborations.

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- Collaborating with the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences (e.g. Department of Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Management), and Tennessee State University.
- Developing and maintaining expertise in consumer economics by publishing peer-reviewed journal articles/Extension publications, attending and presenting at professional meetings, and belonging to relevant professional organizations.
- Seeking internal and external funding and other resources to support and enhance programs.
- Providing service and leadership to activities within the department, the university, and professional organizations, as appropriate.
- Providing leadership for a program of activities which meets the needs of all eligible clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or veteran status.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Earned doctorate in Family and Consumer Sciences or closely related field
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to interact effectively with diverse groups and on interdisciplinary teams
- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement curricula appropriate for adult and youth audiences
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Evidence of scholarship through presentations at professional meetings/conferences and journal publications
- Evidence of high quality teaching skills for professionals and clientele
- Training or experience in needs assessment and evaluation
- Experience with consumer economics, family resource management, or personal finance program development and implementation
- Experience working with limited resource audiences

### **PREFERENCES**

- Degree in Consumer Economics
- Health insurance literacy experience
- Behavioral economics experience
- Extension or community outreach experience
- Demonstrated ability to obtain extramural grant funding

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**SALARY AND BENEFITS**

Salary is commensurate with training and experience. Benefits include state health insurance; life insurance; vision and dental insurance; State Employees Retirement; Workers' compensation; sick and annual leave; numerous University of Tennessee and state benefit programs, including liberal time off for holidays and longevity pay after three years of service; reimbursement provided for official travel.

**LOCATION BENEFITS**

The City of Knoxville is a hidden gem with a beautiful and walkable downtown, varied nightlife, active neighborhoods, and eclectic shopping and restaurants. UT is located within easy driving distance to Asheville, Nashville, Atlanta, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

**APPLICATIONS and INQUIRIES**

The application should include a letter addressing the required and desired qualifications stated in the position announcement, a curriculum vita, the names and contact information of three references, and copy of transcripts showing degree(s) conferred. Applications should be emailed to Jo Carlson, Family and Consumer Sciences, at [jo.carlson@utk.edu](mailto:jo.carlson@utk.edu) or mailed to 122 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996-4530. Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to the chair of the search committee: Dr. Matt Devereaux at (865) 974-7193, or [mdeverea@utk.edu](mailto:mdeverea@utk.edu).

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