

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Position Announcement

### Assistant Professor in Sensory Science and Product Development

#### Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Michigan State University

**Position:** The Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University seeks a faculty member with experience/expertise in sensory and food product development. This position is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term appointment at the level of Assistant Professor with 75% outreach and research, and 25% teaching. The position is available on July 1, 2015.

**Professional Qualifications:** The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in Sensory Science, Food Science, or a closely related field, with a background in food industry preferred. The candidate must also have excellent communication, leadership and networking skills to be an effective educator and work effectively with the food industry and appropriate agencies. A commitment to high teaching and student mentoring standards is required. A demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity and ability to work collaboratively across agricultural disciplines is a must.



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**Responsibilities:** The successful candidate will plan and execute the appropriate sensory tests for research and industry testing, provide analysis and written reports, and schedule and supervise sensory laboratory operations. An emphasis will be on Michigan plant-based products, for sensory and product development activities. This person will be responsible for managing the maintenance of the sensory facilities ([http://www.fshn.msu.edu/facilities/the\\_food\\_sensory\\_laboratory](http://www.fshn.msu.edu/facilities/the_food_sensory_laboratory)), hiring and supervising student workers, bringing in outside funding to support the program, and publishing research findings. Furthermore, this person will work closely with the MSU Product Center (36% of assignment; <http://productcenter.msu.edu/>) as the food and ingredient specialist (sensory, product improvements, product testing, nutritional labeling, etc.), plus educating Innovation Counselor Network and Product Center clients as opportunities present. In addition, this person will teach undergraduate courses (FSC 470: Integrated Approaches to Food Product Development, and FSC 410: Sensory Analysis and Consumer Research), advise graduate students and product development teams, and provide service to the professional and practice communities.

**Salary and Benefits:** Salary is competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

Michigan State University provides its faculty and academic staff with a variety of benefits, which are among the best in academia. Among the most important are a retirement program, and health, prescription drug, dental, and life insurance coverages (<http://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/>).

**Application Procedures:** Please submit the following: 1) a 1-page letter of intent; 2) a 1-page statement of teaching philosophy; 3) a 2-page statement of research interests; 4) a detailed *curriculum vita* including a summary of relevant experiences and accomplishments; and 5) the names and full contact information for three or more references. Submit application to: MSU Applicant Page, position number 0864.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Screening of applications will begin on March 15, 2015.

For questions, please contact:

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