

Faculty Position: Safe and Sustainable Food Value Chains

In support of the Discovery Theme Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation, InFACT

The Ohio State University, Max M. Fisher College of Business is seeking applicants for a position as either an Associate or Full Professor in Safe and Sustainable Food Value Chains for start in autumn 2017. This position is partially funded by Ohio State's Discovery Themes, a significant faculty hiring investment in key thematic areas in which the university can build on its culture of academic collaboration to make a global impact.

The successful candidate will be a key hire and leader in a multi-year trans-disciplinary initiative that seeks to attract established and emerging scholars to the university to address compelling challenges related to the [Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation](#). The appointee will provide thought leadership to this Discovery Theme and conduct innovative research on safe and sustainable value chain management, to help us achieve our vision of becoming the worldwide leader in developing conceptual models and practical examples of climate-resilient, secure and safe agricultural and food systems. Food value chain management involves the entire process of growing, delivering, processing, packaging, marketing, and preparing food. Multiple entities, from individual farmers, to processors, to retailers and consumers are involved in food value chains, along with those providing affiliated services such as intermediaries and third-party logistics providers. Further, government regulator and non-governmental organizations play a role in shaping the organization and execution of activities in food value chains.

For consideration, a letter of interest and vita should be submitted - applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until the search is closed. To ensure the most complete consideration, please submit your CV and letter as soon as possible. Please forward your application and vita to Operations Management Search Committee, Department of Management Sciences, Fisher College of Business, 600 Fisher Hall, 2100 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH, 43210-1144. E-mail applications will be accepted at mcguire.183@osu.edu.

The Fisher College has identified the diversity of its faculty, staff, and students to be a central and essential goal. The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium.

The faculty member is expected to work with transdisciplinary teams composed of scholars and stakeholders in holistic research addressing big challenges in the development of safe and sustainable food value chains. The foci may include, but are not limited to: 1) technical and organizational processes, and government policies, to ensure food safety, from farm to table; 2)

technical and organizational processes, and government policies, to improve the sustainability of food value chains; and 3) examination of, and approaches to changing, the consumers' valuation of transparency, safety, sustainability, and equity in food supply chains. At the value chain level, relevant metrics to consider include safety, sustainability, resilience, efficiency, quality, equity, and public acceptance. The faculty member will also have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty from other Discovery Theme Initiatives such as Data Analytics, Sustainability Science for Materials Innovation, and Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases.

The position will be in the Department of Management Sciences, and will involve both teaching and research. Our department focuses on managerial decision-making that is relevant to service and manufacturing operations and global supply chains. This focus is apparent in both scholarship and teaching. Our research reflects faculty expertise in the areas of managerial decision making and process and systems performance improvement that is published in highly regarded research journals. Our faculty members are known as leaders in their respective scholarly communities.