

Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Immunology
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Department	Nutrition
Institution	University of California Davis Davis, California
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Position Start Date	Available immediately
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Position Overview:

The Department of Nutrition in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis is recruiting an Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Immunology with a preferred emphasis in the role of the immune system on diet-related metabolic diseases across the lifespan. This

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is an academic year (9-month), tenure track Assistant Professor position that includes an appointment in the California Agricultural Experiment Station (AES). Faculty members who hold an Agricultural Experiment Station appointment have a responsibility to conduct research and outreach relevant to the mission of the California Agricultural Experiment Station. Participation in outreach programs and performance of university service are also expected.

The appointee is expected to establish a competitively funded research program in nutritional immunology to address critical or emerging issues on how diet affects the immune system's ability to respond effectively to various challenges, such as exposure to pathogens, interactions with commensal microbiome, and immune activation related to diet-related metabolic diseases. The appointee is expected to teach two upper-division courses: NUT 112 "Nutrition Assessment" and NUT 105 "Nutrition through the Life Cycle". Additionally, they will teach one graduate course in nutrition and immunology (NUT 251) for master's and PhD level students. Furthermore, the appointee will be responsible for contributing to curricular development, and providing undergraduate and graduate student advising and mentoring. Participation in and development of public outreach and/or community engagement programs, and performance of departmental and university service is expected. This position is expected to collaborate with Cooperative Extension specialists and advisors, partners in allied industries or other appropriate public stakeholders.

The department is seeking applicants with expertise in nutritional immunology across the lifespan, which may include studying immunometabolism, and the intricate interplay among diet, metabolic signaling and immune cell responses. Examples of relevant conditions include infectious disease, inflammation, obesity, neurodegenerative diseases, type 2 diabetes, or cancer. The appointee is expected to possess a strong nutritional immunology background in mechanistic or translational research that will advance the field of precision nutrition and health. Research should be closely aligned with a key departmental focus on mechanisms and biomarkers of health and disease, in addition to the 2020-2030 NIH Nutrition Research Strategic Plan goals of defining the role of nutrition across the lifespan for healthy aging and reducing the burden of disease in clinical settings.

This recruitment is conducted at the assistant rank. The resulting hire will be at the assistant rank, regardless of the proposed appointee's qualifications.

Initial review of applications will be conducted using anonymized versions of the Statement of Research Accomplishments and Interests and the Statement of Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Applications demonstrating sufficient potential based on this review will be advanced to full review.

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