



College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Financial Planning, Housing & Consumer Economics

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

The Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics at the University of Georgia invites applications for the tenure-track Extension Specialist of Assistant Professor rank in Housing and Community Development.

Position: Assistant Professor & Extension Housing/Community Development Specialist (nine month, academic appointment, tenure track, 75% public service and outreach, 25% teaching).

Start date: October 1, 2018 or as negotiated.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a doctorate degree in housing, community development, urban/regional planning, public administration, public policy, nonprofit management, economics, sociology or a closely-related discipline, or be ABD with a terminal degree transcript on file no later than nine months from appointment date.

Preferred

Qualifications: Minimum of 1 year experience in housing or community development and a record of fostering relationships with local government leaders, industry organizations and associations, housing experts and consultants is preferred.

Responsibilities:

The applicant must understand and embrace the land grant mission of public service and outreach, including serving the needs of underrepresented and/or economically disadvantaged individuals and communities. The successful applicant must be an effective communicator, both orally and written and with diverse audiences, and must work successfully, both independently and within a team. All applicants must have a commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. Candidates must demonstrate promise of moving toward excellence in service to Georgia citizens and their families, student instruction, scholarly activities, professional development activities, professional leadership, and/or service to the profession.

Knowledge of local and federal housing policies, affordable housing and community development tools, programs and practices is desired, especially as they pertain to the state of Georgia. The ideal candidate will have a strong research agenda related to affordable housing, community development, local government, housing policy or land use. Experience writing grant proposals, familiarity with university grants and contracts, knowledge of IRB/Human Subjects procedures and policies, and the ability to manage many different projects and programs simultaneously is desired.

This position is responsible for serving as the program director for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program (GICH). Established in 2004, GICH is a

highly recognized program facilitating a cohort of communities through a three-year process to bring together the critical players, access funding, and create and implement a locally-based plan to meet housing and neighborhood revitalization needs through partnerships and coordinated action. Program direction includes:

- Providing leadership for program partners and participants
- Working with various local, state, and federal government agencies, County Extension Agents, as well as public and private housing and community development organizations
- Providing direction for all aspects of the program, including the twice-yearly program retreats with housing and community development content experts
- Conducting applied research and data collection for local governments, community groups, and state agencies, develop new and revise existing program assessment tools and publish reports and findings that provide evidence for new and revised housing and community development outreach programs
- Cultivate and maintain relationships with funding agencies

Work with faculty with multiple disciplinary expertise to grow and/or sustain scholarly undergraduate and graduate programs in housing and community development. Teach the equivalent of 2 three-credit undergraduate and/or graduate courses per year in housing or community development. Enhance undergraduate and graduate research opportunities. Conduct and disseminate applied research findings through trainings and materials to County Extension Agents, working professionals in the housing industry, and the general public, as needed. Obtain extramural funds to research and program funding. Participate in departmental and collegiate governance and professional organizations.

This position offers the opportunity to provide leadership for the Housing Demographics Research Center (HDRC). This involves working with the Executive Committee, other faculty, and the HDRC Board of Advisors on analysis, development, and implementation of research projects and outreach programs related to housing in Georgia.

Department:

The Department of Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics has faculty at UGA Athens and UGA Griffin campuses and is one of the four academic units in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. It offers B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees with an enrollment of approximately 320 undergraduate and 90 graduate students. Undergraduate programs include Consumer Economics (with an optional emphasis in Applied Consumer Analytics), Consumer Journalism, Financial Planning, and Housing Management and Policy (with an optional emphasis in Residential Property Management). Our Griffin campus offers the Consumer Economics degree with an optional emphasis in Financial Planning. Master's degree emphases include Community Development, Housing Management and Policy, Financial Planning, Consumer Economics, and Applied Consumer Analytics. The Department is staffed by 20 faculty members with expertise in consumer decision making, consumer and family policy, financial literacy, financial planning, housing, and residential property

management. Extension and public service faculty provide practical, research-based information to Georgia residents to improve quality of lives and communities. The department provides research and outreach in support of local government through the Housing and Demographics Research Center.

University: The University of Georgia (UGA), located in Athens, is a public research university, a land-grant/sea-grant institution in the University System of Georgia. Founded in 1785, UGA is the largest and most comprehensive educational institution in the state. The campus and community of Athens offer many cultural and recreational opportunities. UGA has approximately 36,000 students and has been consistently ranked as one of the top public institutions of higher education in the United States. The Athens campus is approximately 75 miles northeast of Atlanta, 60 miles from Blue Ridge Mountains, and 195 miles from the Atlantic coast. Athens fosters a rich cultural environment interconnected with the university and is perennially identified as one of America's most livable cities. Additional information about the college and university can be found at: <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/> and <http://www.uga.edu/>.

Closing date: Complete applications received by June 15, 2018 will be given full consideration. The college desires to fill this position by October 2018, but start date is negotiable. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Procedure: Complete applications will include a letter of application, a vita, an unofficial copy of transcript for graduate study, and names and contact information for three references. Applicants are invited, but not required, to submit up to three letters of support. The applications and supporting documents should be uploaded via the Faculty Jobs @ UGA website: <http://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/3772>. Questions about this position or the application process should be directed to Dr. Kim Skobba (kskobba@uga.edu) or Ms. Melissa McBride (mmcbride@uga.edu).

We welcome applications and nominations of minorities and others who share our passion about and reflect our desire to support a culture of diversity and inclusion. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (facultyjobs@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.