

The Department of Genetics at the University of Georgia (UGA) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Microbial Genetics, beginning August 1, 2022. We are broadly interested in biologists who address fundamental questions in genetics and microbiology. The research questions could be basic or translational, including but not limited to the genetic basis of microbial processes, genetic engineering, genomics and evolution, microbiomes, host-microbe interactions, inter-species community interactions, environmental responses, or antimicrobial resistance.

UGA is a research-intensive land-grant university. The hire will be housed in a building shared by the Departments of Genetics, Microbiology, and Biochemistry. Research in the Genetics Department spans a broad range from developmental and molecular genetics to evolutionary biology and ecology, and the department has strengths in functional genomics, chromatin biology, and evolutionary genetics. There are outstanding opportunities for collaborations with faculty across our Life Sciences departments, as well as access to the Georgia Genomics and Bioinformatics Core, the Biomedical Microscopy Core, and the Georgia Advanced Computing Resource Center.

UGA is located in the vibrant city of Athens in the northern Piedmont region of Georgia. Athens is 65 miles east of Atlanta, less than two hours from the Chattahoochee National Forest and southern Appalachian Mountains, and within easy driving distance of the Atlantic coast. Athens is home to a thriving arts and music community and prides itself on its cultural diversity (<http://www.visitathensga.com>).

UGA and the Genetics Department are committed to fostering an environment that is equitable and inclusive, and to increasing the diversity of its faculty and students. We welcome candidates who understand the barriers facing individuals underrepresented in the classroom and in higher education careers. We encourage applications from candidates who promote equity and diversity through teaching, mentoring, research, life experiences, educational background, or service. Competitive applicants will demonstrate a strong research record, a well-developed future research plan, a commitment to teaching and mentoring at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and a plan for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

A Ph.D. (or equivalent) in Genetics, Microbiology, or a related field with one or more years of postdoctoral experience is required at the time of appointment. Candidates should submit application materials electronically using this link: <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/232242>. Applications must include: 1) cover letter, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) statement of research interests and goals (up to 2 pages), 4) statement of teaching experience and philosophy (up to 2 pages), and 5) statement of past and planned future contributions to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (up to 2 pages, upload to "Documents #1" in UGA's automated system). Candidates should

also submit names and contact information for three references, who will be asked to provide letters of recommendation. Questions may be directed to the Search Committee at this email address: nathanael.caskey@uga.edu. All applications received by December 31, 2021, will receive full consideration, and review will continue until the position is filled.

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 (hrweb@uga.edu).