

Assistant/Associate Extension Professor Community and Family Health
School of Human Environmental Sciences
University of Kentucky

Responsibilities: This is a twelve-month, Extension Title Series, tenure-eligible position at the University of Kentucky with appointment in the School of Human Environmental Sciences at the assistant or associate rank. The anticipated distribution of effort is 95% Extension and 5% Service. The distribution of effort is reviewed annually and may include teaching effort in the future.

Our colleague will provide statewide leadership in the areas of community and family health with an emphasis on health equity; is expected to:

- Provide leadership in planning, delivering, and evaluating research-based community and family health Extension programming.
- Develop educational materials, develop, and conduct in-service training for county agents, and collaborate with resident faculty and other Extension specialists, county agents, and state-wide stakeholders to address the health-related needs of diverse families.
- Implement applied research relative to the needs of Kentucky families and publish findings in refereed journals.
- Establish and maintain a strong, extramurally funded Extension programming that enhances the lives of Kentucky families.
- Participate in departmental and collegiate governance and professional organizations.

This position contributes toward the strategic plan goal of producing “innovative solutions through multidisciplinary collaborations.”

This position is expected to support family health interventions, boost community engagement around health issues, support UK Engage, and enhance traditional Extension education efforts with public health strategies through campus and community partnerships.

Qualifications: Doctoral degree in Public Health (Ph.D. or Dr.PH.), or doctoral degree in closely related field with an MPH degree. A commitment to the interdisciplinary nature of the School of Human Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is expected. Experience with Extension and/or outreach program development, delivery, applied research, and publications are strongly desired.

Candidate must display a commitment to excellence in teaching in different instructional/learning settings. This includes excellence and contributions in a student-centered environment that nurtures and challenges learners to achieve at high levels with commitment to a systemic approach to family life and a commitment to diversity. Grant-writing and management experience is preferred and expected for the associate rank.

School of Human Environmental Sciences: The School of Human Environmental Sciences works to improve the quality of individual and family life through education, research, and outreach. This multidisciplinary unit focuses on building assets of individuals and families to address the perennial problems faced by families across the lifespan.

Application Procedure: Application must be submitted online at the University of Kentucky website: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/458642>. Application additionally requires a cover letter of application including a combined statement of Extension applied research interested and vision for their program with assessment strategies at the University of Kentucky (limit six pages), a curriculum vita (with hyperlinks to available materials as appropriate), a statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and contact information for three references. Employment at UK is subject to fund availability and comes with diverse rewards, focusing on your total wellbeing and career development, with leadership striving to provide a strong work-life integration. The university generously

contributes to employees' retirement plans, medical coverage, and life insurance. In addition, UK offers optional benefits such as dental and vision insurance, additional retirement plans and much more. To learn more about these benefits, please visit: www.uky.edu/HR/benefits.

Timeline: The search committee will begin reviewing materials May 1st, 2023, and continue until the position is filled. Anticipated start date by September 1st, 2023.

The University of Kentucky and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) are committed to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment of mutual respect where all members of our community can fully engage, belong, and succeed. We support and welcome applicants of all identities such as but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, perspectives, beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin, religious belief, age, and all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity university. We encourage applications from women, minorities, and all interested and qualified people. The EEO Coordinator is Tim West, S-105 Agricultural Science North, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0091.

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The Environment: The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) is *fulfilling the land-grant promise* of educational excellence, civic leadership, transformational research, and shared knowledge serving the common good. We *serve the people* of the Commonwealth and across the world through education, outreach, service, and research by finding solutions to improve lives today and create a sustainable future. We integrate teaching, research, and extension in our work. We recruit, retain, and graduate students who are competent, responsible, and workforce ready. For more than 130 years, CAFE has provided research results to the community. From traditional labs and research farms to high-tech diagnostic and research centers, we offer science-based, practical solutions that affect the everyday lives of Kentuckians and people around the world. Our Cooperative Extension programs are engaged in Kentucky's 120 counties, identifying, and addressing needs not only in agriculture and natural resources, but also 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, as well as community & economic development. We create a welcoming and inclusive environment that allows our faculty, staff, and students to reach their highest potential. We recognize people with diverse backgrounds and experiences are essential to decision making, problem solving, and innovation every day.

The University of Kentucky is a university with approximately 22,000 undergraduate and 8,800 graduate students. UK is Kentucky's flagship university and a land grant institution. We have a university commitment to improve the lives of Kentuckians and beyond and that is why [environmental stewardship and sustainability](#) are core parts of our institution's legacy. We are recognized as a [Tree Campus USA](#) by the Arbor Day Foundation, a [Gold level Bicycle Friendly University by The League of American Bicyclists](#), and are recognized as a [STARS \(Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System\) Silver Rating](#) by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. The university is geographically near downtown Lexington, which offers the vibrancy of an urban location while being near working landscapes and recognized wilderness areas. It is a thriving community of 320,000+ with a strong commitment to quality of life, education, and the arts. Lexington is in the Bluegrass Region, an internationally acclaimed cultural landscape and agricultural region.