



## **Food Systems Research Fellow**

As the principal land grant institution in South Carolina, Clemson University (CU) is poised to become the leader in food systems research and praxis. With a focus on food systems development CU anticipates developing research, grant and programmatic activity to cultivate food systems models and practice throughout South Carolina. In addition, a demonstration farm and prototype at Clemson University will serve as an on-site laboratory to develop, train and disseminate research and programmatic work.

Food systems research and practice involves creating a system “in which food production, processing, distribution and consumption are integrated to enhance the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of a particular place” (Cornell University Community Food Systems Program.” The focus on community emphasizes the need strengthening existing (or developing new) relationships between all components of the food system, with the goal of building and sustaining community.

To do this work we seek a Research Fellow to work with the Dean of the College of Behavioral Social and Health Sciences, in partnership with the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, to develop, nurture and create a food systems initiative at Clemson University.

### **Responsibilities/Expectations:**

Building on a successful food research summit in March 2019, the research fellow will bring together an interdisciplinary research and programmatic team focused on food systems science. Disciplines and research areas include (but not limited to): Public Health Sciences, Sociology, Anthropology, Nutrition, Communications, Packaging Sciences, Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Planning and Design, Landscape Architecture, Chemistry, Local Governance, Policy Studies, Food Insecurity, Food Sovereignty, Rural Development, Business, Food Labeling/Branding, Marketing, Value Chains, Agriculture Economics, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management.

### **Preferred Candidate Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate holds a PhD in fields related to food systems activities in a social science discipline, and/or land system science (e.g. geography, agriculture, environmental science, etc.) with a strong research interest and portfolio in food systems. The candidate exhibits willingness to partnering in a range of interdisciplinary team-oriented applied research approaches, and has experience with food systems development, cultural competency, and community engagement.

A qualified candidate will have demonstrated project leadership experience, resourcefulness, and the ability to problem-solve and think critically. In addition to these qualifications, the candidate must also have the ability to balance multiple projects (some with a team and others individual), effectively engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholder groups, and have strong written and verbal communication skills. Experience with writing and receiving grants (federal, foundation) is preferred, as well as presenting results to academic and policy audiences in various settings. Finally, the candidate

must have strong interest in integrating knowledge across the natural, social, economic and health sciences, and in developing science-based products that meet policy and implementation needs.

**About Clemson University:**

Clemson is an R1 Carnegie Institution that has ranked among the top 25 national public universities in the country by the US News and World Report for the past 11 years. The campus is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains near outstanding year-round recreational opportunities. The College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences is composed of the departments of Communication, Parks Recreation Tourism Management, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health Science, Sociology Anthropology and Criminal Justice, and the School of Nursing, along with 9 centers and institutes (<https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/>).

**Application Instructions**

For full consideration, applications must be submitted by January 20, 2020 at midnight. All application materials should be submitted via the Clemson Job board application portal, which can be found at the following link:

[https://jobs.clemson.edu/psc/ps/JOBS/EXT/c/HRS\\_HRAM\\_FL.HRS\\_CG\\_SEARCH\\_FL.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_JBPST\\_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=104816&PostingSeq=](https://jobs.clemson.edu/psc/ps/JOBS/EXT/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=104816&PostingSeq=)

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