

# Assistant Professor-Nutrition Policy and Food Systems-School of Public Health

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## POSITION OVERVIEW

**Position title:** Assistant Professor (Tenure track, Senate faculty)

**Anticipated start:** July 1, 2022

## APPLICATION WINDOW

Open October 18th, 2021 through Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The University of California, Berkeley seeks applicants for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the area of "Nutrition Policy and Food Systems". The successful candidate will be invited to join the Division of Community Health Sciences in the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, and be part of the Public Health and Nutrition faculty cluster as well as the larger community of scholars at UC Berkeley working on these issues.

UC Berkeley's School of Public Health leads the nation in training leaders in Public Health Nutrition who work in research, intervention design and implementation, and policy analysis. We have pioneered research in the areas of taxation of sugar sweetened beverages, food security and health, influence of stress on behavior and metabolism, and dynamic, economic interventions to improve growth and development across the lifespan. Berkeley Public Health's Public Health Nutrition faculty have been appointed to the National Academy of Medicine Food & Nutrition Board, and standing committees and consensus committees which investigate dietary guidelines and federal food programs. Our faculty have widespread affiliations with other academic and research units on the Berkeley campus which include leading the Berkeley Food Institute, and associations with the Center for Global Public Health, the Center for Effective Global Action, the Center for Science, Technology, Medicine and Society, and the Institute for Global Nutrition at the University of California, Davis.

We aim to recruit an Assistant Professor with exceptional promise for path breaking contributions in research and education in public health, nutrition policy and food systems. Nutrition has been identified as a crucial field of study within public health. Specifically, we seek a scholar who will conduct innovative, trans-disciplinary research and/or develop population-level interventions at the intersection of diet, nutritional status, food systems, and human health and development, particularly in low resource settings and/or with communities experiencing health inequalities related to food insecurity and food systems. Poor nutrition is a major driver of chronic diseases and has a major impact on inequalities in morbidity, mortality, and economic well-being locally and globally; disparities in access to healthful food have major long-term implications for human development and health across the lifespan. A public health approach to nutrition and food must go beyond individual eating and nutrition, and focus on the economic, systemic, and structural factors that affect access to healthy food. For example,

- Research on federal food and nutrition programs (SNAP, WIC, School Meals) as well as the broader national safety net (EITC, Child Tax Credit), and how these policies impact the availability of food, dietary intake, and diet-related chronic disease.
- Studies of the agricultural sector such as farm to community, food sovereignty, food value chains and the impact on human nutrition and health.
- The investigation of how our food system contributes to major societal problems including climate change and how the build climate resilience into the food system.
- Healthcare policy change and systems level approaches to food as medicine.

For these reasons, we are particularly interested in researchers with expertise in implementation science who study the scaling and integration of evidence-based interventions for promoting population health in the broad domain of nutrition and food systems.

This position is designed to be a broad search at the intersection of human nutrition and population-based strategies to transform food systems and improve population health. This search is strongly aligned with Berkeley Public Health and campus priorities on climate change, given that food production, consumption and waste are a major driver of greenhouse emissions. Climate change has major implications for agriculture and food systems that affect nutrition and equal access to healthy foods. The new faculty member would be a core member of the Public Health Nutrition team and would serve as a bridge to the Berkeley Food Institute and the UC Nutrition Policy Institute, in addition to contributing to teaching in the Graduate Certificate in Food Systems.

Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging are core values of UC Berkeley. Our excellence can only be fully realized by faculty, students, and staff who share our commitment to these values, particularly those of anti-racism. We are particularly interested in scholars with a commitment and track record of promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in the realms of research, teaching, and/or service. At Berkeley, we recognize the intrinsic relationship between

diversity and excellence in all our endeavors and embrace open and equitable access to opportunities for learning and development as our obligation and goal. The Bay Area is also at the forefront of social and health equity innovation and justice. We are committed to creating an anti-racist culture that promotes and values diversity in racial, gender, sexual, and other identities. The School of Public Health is committed to addressing the family needs of faculty, including dual career couples and single parents. We are also interested in candidates who have had non-traditional career paths or who have taken time off for family reasons, or who have achieved excellence in careers outside academia. We encourage applicants who identify as underrepresented in science to apply.

For information about potential relocation to Berkeley, or career needs of accompanying partners and spouses, please visit: <http://ofew.berkeley.edu/new-faculty>.

Department: <https://publichealth.berkeley.edu/>

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Completion of a doctorate degree (e.g., PhD, DrPH, ScD, MD/DO) or equivalent international degree, or enrolled in a doctorate degree or equivalent international degree-granting program at the time of application.

### Preferred qualifications

Degree in nutritional science, public health nutrition, agricultural economics, economics, medicine, sociology, public policy or related fields.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Document requirements

- Cover Letter - Cover letter describing your interest in the position (1-2 pages).
- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Statement of Research - Statement of research (including past research accomplishments and proposed research at Berkeley).
- Statement of Teaching and Service - Statement of teaching and service (including prior teaching experience, teaching philosophy, future teaching interests, prior and proposed academic, professional and/or community service).
- Statement on Contributions to Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Statement on your contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion, including information about your understanding of these topics, your record of activities to date, and your specific plans and goals for advancing equity and inclusion if hired at Berkeley (for additional information go to <https://ofew.berkeley.edu/recruitment/contributions-diversity>).

We note that, in accordance with the high priority placed on our core values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, this statement will be rigorously evaluated at an early stage in our screening process.

- Three publications (First of Three) - Three publications or works in progress (journal articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters or other appropriate products).
- Three publications (Second of Three) - Three publications or works in progress (journal articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters or other appropriate products).
- Three publications (Third of Three) - Three publications or works in progress (journal articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters or other appropriate products).

### Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

We will only contact your references to request letters if you are advanced to the second round of review for the position, and we will seek your permission prior to doing so.

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## CAMPUS INFORMATION

Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are core values at UC Berkeley. Our excellence can only be fully realized by faculty, students, and academic and non-academic staff who share our commitment to these values. Successful candidates for our academic positions will demonstrate evidence of a commitment to advancing equity, inclusion, and belonging.

The University of California, Berkeley is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: <http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>

In searches when letters of reference are required all letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please

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refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality (<http://apo.berkeley.edu/ucb-confidentiality-policy>) prior to submitting their letter.

As a condition of employment, you will be required to comply with the University of California SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Policy [https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/5000695/SARS-CoV-2\\_Covid-19](https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/5000695/SARS-CoV-2_Covid-19). All Covered Individuals under the policy must provide proof of Full Vaccination or, if applicable, submit a request for Exception (based on Medical Exemption, Disability, and/or Religious Objection) or Deferral (based on pregnancy) no later than the applicable deadline. For new University of California employees, the applicable deadline is eight weeks after their first date of employment. (Capitalized terms in this paragraph are defined in the policy.)

## JOB LOCATION

Berkeley, California