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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*-By Qinchun Rao*

*Dear CAFS Members and Friends,*

I am thrilled to extend my warmest greetings to you all in this 2024-25 fall edition of our CAFS newsletter. As the newly appointed CAFS president, it is an honor to step into this role and continue building upon the strong foundation laid by our previous leaders. My sincere gratitude goes out to our current and past CAFS leaders for their dedication and visionary service, which have made CAFS the dynamic and vibrant community it is today. I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our members and volunteers for their invaluable contributions that continue to inspire and drive us forward. A special thank you to Dr. Qing Jin (Editor of the CAFS Newsletter) and to all those



who contributed to this edition – your hard work and dedication have made this publication possible.

Reflecting on the past year, 2023-24 was filled with significant milestones and remarkable achievements. We successfully balanced virtual engagement with in-person interactions. Our 2024 CAFS Annual Business Meeting took place virtually via Zoom, while we had the pleasure of gathering at the CAFS Annual Banquet during the IFT Annual Event in Chicago. My appreciation goes to our 2023-24 president, Dr. Chengchu Cathy Liu, for her leadership during this time.

Looking ahead, our 2024-25 CAFS Executive Committee (EC) has already hit the ground running. In our first planning meeting this past October, we set forth several priorities that will shape CAFS in the coming year. These areas include but are not limited to member

recruitment and engagement, networking and community building, and fostering professional development and mentorship.

**One of our primary goals this year is to broaden our reach and welcome new members into the CAFS community.** Fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and expanded networks are vital for fostering collaboration and growth, and new members bring these valuable assets to our society. We are deeply grateful to the CAFS Membership and Public Relations Committee (Drs Xiaolei Shi and Zachary Zheng) for leading this important initiative. We encourage all members to invite colleagues and peers who share our vision to join CAFS and contribute to our collective mission.

**Member engagement is the cornerstone of our society.** Whether through virtual events, webinars, or in-person gatherings, CAFS will continue to offer opportunities for meaningful connections, friendships, and professional collaborations. Our signature event, the CAFS Annual Business Zoom Meeting and Banquet, will take place next year in Chicago Chinatown during the IFT Annual Meeting, and we are excited to see everyone there. Please stay tuned for more details!

**We are also thrilled to introduce several new initiatives this year.** First, we will be launching a new section in our newsletter called Lifetime Member Spotlight, which will showcase and celebrate the achievements of our Lifetime Members. Additionally, we remain committed to the professional development of our members by offering mentorship programs and workshops. Special thanks to the Conference and Workshop Committee, including Drs. Hongbing Fan, Quancai Sun, Yi Zhang, and Hualu Zhou, for organizing webinars and inviting guest speakers to discuss the latest advancements in food science research.

**A special thank you also goes to the Student Affairs Committee,** including Juan Gao, Chenxin (Valerie) Wang, Chieh-Yi (Jerry) Lin, and Fujunzhu Zhao, for launching a series of

workshops focusing on achieving success from academic, industrial, and governmental perspectives. These initiatives are designed to provide our student members with the tools, knowledge, and connections they need to excel in their careers.

**Finally, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the CAFS, we are excited to announce a special issue dedicated to highlighting the remarkable achievements and contributions of our community over the past years.** This special edition will feature articles that reflect on the society's history, spotlight groundbreaking research by our members, and share personal stories of collaboration and growth within CAFS. We invite all members to participate by submitting their work and sharing their experiences as we honor the legacy and look forward to the future of CAFS.

**At CAFS, we remain committed to supporting the growth and success of our members.** Whether you are an experienced professional, an emerging scientist, or a student, CAFS provides resources and a network to help you succeed. Together, we will continue building a supportive and collaborative environment that fosters professional and personal growth.

As we move forward, your active participation is essential. Engage with fellow members, take advantage of the resources available, and contribute your ideas to help shape the future of CAFS. Your feedback is invaluable and will guide our efforts to meet your needs and expectations better.

Thank you for your continued dedication to CAFS. I look forward to a year of innovation, collaboration, and growth as we work together to achieve our goals.

With warm regards,

*Qinchun Rao*

**2024-25 CAFS President**



## MEETING WITH CAFS OFFICERS



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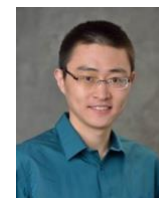
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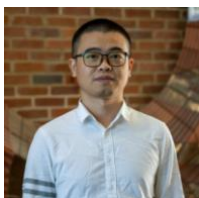
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

-By Chengchu (Cathy) Liu

*Dear CAFS Members and Friends,*

As the 2023-2024 CAFS President, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you. It has been such an honor and a privilege to serve as in this role. I am deeply thankful to all CAFS members and friends for your support.



Thank you to Drs. Lihan Huang, Xingyi Jiang, Qinchun Rao, Juming Tang, Haiqiang (Harry) Wang, Ying Wu, Shelly Xu, and Li Zuo for serving on the Executive Committee. I am also very grateful to Drs. Qing Jin, Fanbin Kong, Olive Li, Sean Liu, Xiaolei Shi, Jason Wan, Vivian Wu, Shelly Xu, Jun Yang, Boce Zhang, and Zachary Zhang for serving as Committee Chairs and/or Members.

It is amazing to see our CAFS family grow and being connected. Many thanks to Dr. Xiaolei Shi (Membership Committee Chair), we welcomed 8 new plus 2 pending Lifetime Members and 8 new Student Members. We also published two newsletters edited by Dr. Qing Jin. Through these newsletters, we not only shared important updates but also featured member highlights and showcased our CAFS members' accomplishments.

Special thanks are extended to the Student Committee (Zhenjiao Du, Juan Gao, and Chunya Tang) for helping connect student members. One highlight was the 2024 Student Research Competition. Please join me to congratulate all competition winners (Chieh-Yi Lin, Sujun Liu, Tian Sun, Chunya Tang, and Zihan Wang) and thank all the judges (Drs. Hongbing Fan, Xingyi Jiang, Xiaolei Shi, Xiuxiu Sun, Chang Shu, and Yuandi Zhang).

**The CAFS Annual Business Meeting and Annual Banquet are always the most important milestones for our CAFS family.** As many of you know, the CAFS Annual Business Meeting and Banquet were traditionally conducted together during IFT. However, things have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, we hosted our Annual Business Meeting virtually via the Zoom platform on July 10, 2024, while our traditional in-person get-together was the 2024 CAFS Annual Banquet on July 15, 2024, at the MingHin Cuisine restaurant in Chicago. The CAFS Virtual Annual Business Meeting allowed us

to connect with members and friends who did not attend the IFT. The CAFS Annual Banquet offered an evening of delicious cuisine and invaluable in-person networking for CAFS members and friends. I am truly thankful to all



*Thanks to Juan Gao for providing the photo.*

volunteers and participants for their invaluable contributions. A particular shoutout goes to Drs. Xingyi Jiang, Qinchun Rao, Qiancai Sun, Haiqiang (Harry) Wang, Jun Yang, and Juan Gao for making these events so successful.

**Another highlight is the recognition of the exceptional achievements of our CAFS members.** We are incredibly proud to celebrate those who received well-deserved awards. Particularly this past year, five CAFS lifetime members and one friend were recognized as Fellows of Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST).



*Congratulations to our IFT and IAFoST fellows! Thanks to Drs. Zhongli Pan and Jianping Wu for providing the photos.*

Congratulations again to Drs. Zhongli Pan, Jason Wan, and Jianping Wu for being 2024 IAFoST Fellows, and to Drs. Hao Feng, Chengchu “Cathy” Liu, and Vivian Wu for 2024 IFT Fellows.

An additional highlight is our partnerships with sister organizations—The North America Chinese Association for Nutrition (NACAN) and the North American Jiangnan University Alumni & Friends Association (NAJUA). Many thanks to our Mentoring Program Committee Chair Dr. Shelly Xu, she served as an ambassador of CAFS to collaborate with NACAN. In this past year, two joint symposiums were hosted virtually. As special guests, the NACAN President Dr. Zhiping Yu, and the NAJUA President and President-Elect Drs. Siqian Li and Minwei Xu attended our CAFS Virtual Annual Business

Meeting and Annual Banquet. Of course, our CAFS representatives (Dr. Qinchun and I) also attended their annual events. The collaboration greatly strengthened our network and increased our impact.

Finally, I would like to remind you about our CAFS website. Many thanks to Dr. Boce Zhang for the website updates and maintenance to ensure it remains a valuable resource for all our members and freinds.

As I transition out of the presidency, I am excited that Dr. Qinchun Rao is the New President. I have known Dr. Rao for more than 10 years. I have full confidence in Dr. Rao’s leadership and vision for the future of our CAFS. I am certain that with Dr. Rao’s strong leadership and your ongoing involvement and passion, our CAFS will continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. I look forward to all that we will continue to accomplish together in the years ahead.



*Thanks to NACAN for providing the photo.*

Sincerely,

**Chengchu “Cathy” Liu**

**2023-2024 CAFS President**

## 2024-2025 CAFS FINANCIAL REPORT

*-By Haiqiang Wang*

<b>Balance (as of 7/7/2024)</b>	<b>\$29,467.79</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Lifetime membership	\$1800.00
Student membership	\$30.00
Annual banquet admission	\$1426.00
<b>Subtotal Income</b>	<b>\$3256.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
CAFS 2024 student GA competition award	\$1400.00
CAFS annual banquet expense (food, miscellaneous)-exclude \$500 deposit	\$1900.00
Pay to Siteflip for CAFS website maintenance + extra bandwidth	\$56.88
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>\$3356.88</b>
<b>Balance (as of 10/11/2024)</b>	<b>\$29,366.91</b>

## 2024 CAFS ANNUAL BANQUET

*-By Jun Yang*

The 2024 annual business meeting and banquet have been held successfully. In the virtual business meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the CAFS Officers and Committee Chairs in 2024-2025 leadership team were warmly recognized. CAFS members and friends have been congratulated for their remarkable achievements in 2023-2024. Various committee reports, student research competition, and CAFS 2024 election results have been announced. The annual banquet has

been held in MINGHIN CUISINE (名軒) Restaurant, Chicago, IL, on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We had around 80 attendances, including past presidents, invited friends from other organizations/associations, faculty members from universities, professionals from industries, and young talents of under- and graduate students. In the banquet, the president passed the Gavel to the new president, which symbolized successful takeover. CAFS demonstrates a strong binding and well-established networking for members and non-members across food and nutrition fields. What a great year of 2023-2024! All members and friends are looking forward a fruitful, enjoyable, and achievable 2025.



*Thanks to Dr. Jianping Wu and Zihan Wang for the photos.*



## 2024-2025 NEW CAFS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Hualu Zhou** (*University of Georgia – Conference & Workshop*)



Dr. Hualu (Lu) Zhou is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, following that, she continued her research as a Postdoctoral Fellow for two years at the same institution. The primary objective of Dr. Zhou's lab is on utilizing the food science and technology to develop more sustainable, nutritious and affordable plant-based foods and materials. Particularly, her research is optimizing cost-effective processing strategies and exploring how processing methods alter the structural properties and functions of plant-derived components and their impact on food sustainability, nutrition and quality. To date, Dr. Zhou has authored and co-authored over 55 research articles in peer-reviewed journals, garnering more than 2200 citations. She serves as the Secretary of the Nutrition Division and a leadership team member of the Fruit & Vegetable Products Division at the Institute of Food Technologists. Dr. Zhou has received numerous honors from organizations such as Phi Tau Sigma, the American Oil Chemists' Society, and the Institute of Food Technologists.

**Hongbing Fan** (*University of Kentucky – Conference & Workshop*)

Dr. Hongbing is an assistant professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at the University of Kentucky, specializing in functional foods and protein/peptide chemistry. He received his Ph.D. and postdoctoral training at the University of Alberta (Canada). His ongoing research focuses on discovering novel natural compounds, particularly peptides, to mitigate chronic diseases such as hypertension, and inflammation using various in vitro and in vivo models. Being a student member of the CAFS, he used to be one of the student leaders and has helped organize a student graphic abstract competition and career webinar; since 2023, he has become a lifetime member of CAFS.



## 2023-2024 CAFS STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

-By Juan Gao

In the past spring semester, CAFS has been holding the 2024 student research competition. It was held to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of student research. A total of **ten graduate students** participated in the competition, and **six professional judges** (Dr. Hongbing Fan, Dr. Xingyi Jiang, Dr. Xiuxiu Sun, Dr. Chang Shu, Dr. Xiaolei Shi, and Dr. Yuandi Zhang) volunteered to evaluate abstracts. Five abstracts were selected for the second oral presentation round. The results were announced at the 2024 annual business meeting.

### First Place (\$600)



**Zihan Wang**

**University of Alberta**

*Advisor: Dr. Jianping Wu*

Anti-Inflammatory And Antioxidative Effects of Bioactive Peptides Ile-Lys-Trp and Arg-Ile-Tyr in Hypertensive Rats

### Second Place (\$400)



**Chieh-Yi Lin**

**Oregon State University**

*Advisor: Dr. Yanyun Zhao and Dr. Jooyeoun Jung*

Characterization of Holocellulose Extracted from Agricultural and Food Processing Byproducts via Ecofriendly Delignification Pulping Process

### Third Place (\$200)



**Chunya Tang**

**Florida State University**

*Advisor: Dr. Qinchun Rao*

Evaluation of Ultrasonication and Cold Plasma-Activated Water (Paw) on Seafood Protein

### Honorable Mention (\$100)



**Sujun Liu**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

*Advisor: Dr. Devin J. Rose*

Impact of Phenolic Compounds on Dietart Fiber Utilization by the Human Gut Microbiota

### Honorable Mention (\$100)



**Tian Sun**

**North Dakota State University**

*Advisor: Dr. Zhao Jin*

Rapid Estimation of Moisture Content in Malting Barley Using Hyperspectral Imaging and Machine Learning



## CAFS STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS

### **Juan Gao** (*CAFS Student Affairs – Chair*)



Juan Gao is a second-year PhD candidate at Florida State University, with a master's degree from Nanjing Agricultural University. Her academic journey has been marked by a passion for turning agricultural waste into valuable products and ensuring food safety. In 2023, she joined CAFS and served as Vice President of the CAFS Student Affairs Committee during the 2023-2024 term. During her time in this role, she actively participated in CAFS committee meetings and helped organize key events such as the student research competition, the CAFS Annual Business Meeting, and the CAFS Annual Banquet in Chicago. Her extensive volunteer work during these events allowed her to build strong connections with both students and professors, an experience that has made her deeply appreciative of the opportunities CAFS provides.

Recognizing the importance of community and collaboration, Juan has taken on the role of Student Affairs Committee President for the 2024-2025 term. She is passionate about fostering a supportive environment for graduate students in food science across North America. Through a range of student-focused activities, Juan aims to enhance communication and strengthen relationships within the food science community, providing her peers with a better platform for learning and exchange. Through her leadership, Juan hopes to make a positive impact on the food science community and promote academic and professional growth.

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### **Chenxin Wang** (*CAFS Student Affairs – Co-Chair*)

Chenxin (Valerie) Wang is a PhD candidate at Rutgers University, specializing in Food Science and Plant Biology. Her research focuses on the chemical compounds found in basil and their roles in flavor perception, equipping her with expertise in experimental design, data analysis, and advanced laboratory techniques such as HPLC and GC. Through her studies, Valerie has honed strong problem-solving and teamwork skills within a collaborative research environment.

Her long-term goal is to become a flavor scientist in the food industry, where she aims to contribute to the development of healthy, sensory-appealing food products that enhance consumer enjoyment. Valerie is also actively involved in volunteer work related to the food industry, staying informed about current trends and industry needs. These experiences give her valuable insights into the practical applications of her research and help her align her work with the evolving demands of the industry.

Outside of her academic and volunteer commitments, Valerie enjoys exploring different cultures through food and participating in outdoor activities like hiking, badminton, and swimming. She also values building connections with people and learning from diverse perspectives, seeing both as essential to her personal growth and academic success.



**Chieh-Yi (Jerry) Lin** (*CAFS Student Affairs – Secretary*)



Chieh-Yi (Jerry) Lin is a Ph.D. candidate at Oregon State University, with an expected graduation in December 2024. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Food Science from Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan in 2018 and 2019, respectively. His research focuses on developing dual-functional food packaging systems that act as responsive temperature indicators and antimicrobial agents, enhancing the stability of anthocyanins in fruits using chemical and physical methods, and utilizing agricultural and food byproducts for edible film and coating applications.

Throughout his academic journey, Jerry has actively participated in professional organizations such as the Taiwan Association for Food Science and Technology, the Institute of Food Technologists, the American Chemical Society, and CAFS. In 2023, he joined CAFS as a student member and competed in the graduate student oral competition for two consecutive years, earning second place in 2024. He also serves as the Secretary of the CAFS Student Committee for the 2024-2025 term.

Jerry joined CAFS to be part of a dynamic community of professionals and researchers committed to advancing food science and technology. As an active CAFS member, he values the opportunity to engage with experts, exchange ideas, and collaborate on innovative projects. As the Student Committee Secretary, he aims to contribute his research expertise and passion for food science. He looks forward to helping organize CAFS events, participating in discussions, and contributing to initiatives that promote CAFS and the field of food science. Jerry is dedicated to advancing the discipline and believes his academic and research background can offer valuable insights to the CAFS community.

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**Fujunzhu Zhao** (*CAFS Student Affairs – Volunteer*)

Fujunzhu Zhao is a second-year PhD student at Virginia Tech. Her passion for food science stems from a concern for global food security and sustainability. She holds a B.S. from Penn State and an M.S. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. During her undergraduate studies as an undergraduate research assistant, she demonstrated her capability by independently leading a project. Transitioning to her master's program, she successfully managed numerous projects during this period. Fujunzhu's PhD research focuses on the production and downstream processing of polyhydroxyalkanoates biodegradable bioplastics derived from microbial fermentation. She investigates optimization techniques for PHA extraction using physical methods and studies their impact on the physical, mechanical, and thermal properties of PHAs. Her research addresses the pressing need for biodegradable alternatives to petroleum-derived plastics, aiming to provide sustainable solutions to environmental challenges. Fujunzhu is committed to advancing sustainable materials and contributing to global efforts to reduce reliance on petroleum-based plastics by developing scalable, cost-effective production methods for biodegradable alternatives. Outside of her research, Fujunzhu enjoys cooking, exploring new cuisines, and hiking. These hobbies offer her a creative outlet and a way to stay connected with nature, further fueling her passion for sustainability. As a member of the CAFS Student Committee for the 2024-2025 term, Fujunzhu hopes to make a meaningful contribution and shine within CAFS.



## CAFS LIFE-TIME MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

**Lingyun Chen** (*University of Alberta*)



My name is Lingyun Chen, and I am a Full Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science at the University of Alberta. I earned my PhD in Biopolymer Chemistry and Physics from Wuhan University, China, where my research centered on the structure-function properties of polysaccharides, with a particular focus on chitosan and cellulose—by-products of the fishery, agricultural, and wood industries—for biomedical and environmental applications. My background in biopolymers led me to Canada, where I worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Université Laval, studying  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin, the major protein in whey, a by-product of the cheese-making industry. My research there explored its network formation mechanisms and applications for nutraceutical delivery. This experience expanded my expertise into protein science, positioning me to explore proteins as vital biopolymers in both food and non-food sectors. In 2007, I joined the University of Alberta as

an Assistant Professor, with my research focusing on unlocking the potential of plant proteins from Canadian crops (e.g., oats, canola, pea, and faba beans).

Over the past 17 years at the University of Alberta, my research program has focused on the fundamental understanding of plant protein structures and their functional properties. This knowledge has driven the development of physical and enzymatic modifications to enhance functionalities, textures, and nutritional qualities of plant protein ingredients. My work has led to novel applications that contribute to food innovation, such as oat protein gels with enhanced strength and lentil protein microgels for highly stable food emulsions. These developments hold promise for producing high-protein, plant-based foods with desirable textures, shelf-life, and health benefits, such as meat analogues and fat replacers. Furthermore, my research extends into advanced material science, where plant proteins are used to create nanofibers stronger than cancellous bone, with potential biomedical applications, and carbon nanofibers for foldable energy storage materials and sensor devices. These sustainable and biodegradable biomaterials derived from plant proteins offer novel solutions to challenges in various industries.

My contributions have resulted in over 230 publications and more than 150 presentations at international and national conferences. I was appointed Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in 2014, and my Chair program was renewed in 2019. In recognition of my work, I received the Killam Annual Professorship at the University of Alberta in 2020 and the Innovation Award from TEC-Edmonton in 2021. I am committed to fostering innovation and collaboration within the scientific community. Currently, I serve on the leadership team of the Protein Division at the Institute of Food Technologists, and as Chair of the Protein and Co-Products Division of the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS). Additionally, I hold the role of Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Sustainable Food Proteins journal. I am excited to join the Chinese American Food Society (CAFS) as a lifetime member and look forward to collaborating with CAFS members to advance knowledge in food proteins and drive technological innovations in plant-based food development.

As the global demand for sustainable food sources rises, plant proteins offer a promising path forward, both for human health and environmental sustainability. Plant-based foods provide rich sources of essential nutrients, including proteins, vitamins, and fibers, while reducing our reliance on resource-



intensive animal agriculture. In my research, I've found that plant proteins not only hold immense potential for high-quality food products, but also for functional ingredients that can improve public health by contributing to heart health, weight management, and reduced risks of chronic diseases. From a sustainability perspective, plant proteins are more environmentally friendly, with lower carbon footprints and less land use compared to animal-based proteins. Through continued innovation in plant protein extraction, processing, and application, we can meet the growing global food demands while promoting both health and environmental stewardship.

Outside of my professional work, I am passionate about traveling and exploring different cultures. One of the aspects I enjoy most about traveling is experiencing traditional foods and visiting the local farmers' markets. I find these experiences offer a connection to the local culture and people. In addition to traveling, I enjoy reading novels and spending time with family and friends, which helps me recharge and maintain a balanced lifestyle.

We appreciate your interest in joining our society. To become a member, you can download the [CAFS membership application/renewal/update form](#). For more information, please reach out to Xiaolei (Shelley) Shi via email [xshi257@wisc.edu](mailto:xshi257@wisc.edu)

## NOMINATION

-by *Lihan Huang*

The award nomination process is set to commence **in March 2025**, with further details forthcoming. We welcome nominations for the CAFS award. For inquiries or questions regarding nominations, please reach out to Lihan Huang.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

-By *Juan Gao*

### Empowering International Students Webinars

- *Series 1: Demystifying the Green Card Application Process*
- *Series 2: Guidance for Navigating the North American Workplace as an International Employee*
- *Series 3: Opportunities in Government Agencies*
- *Series 4: Thriving in Academia & Building Networks*

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**Note:** based on Bylaws,

- 1 – Annual Banquet and Business Meeting committee is led by the incoming President.
- 2 – Nomination committee is led by the immediate Past President.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Assistant/Associate Professor in Nutrition or Exercise Physiology

Florida State University is searching for multiple faculty positions at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in the areas of Nutrition and Exercise Physiology.

<https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/details.cfm?JobCode=178969609>

### 2. Postdoctoral opportunities at University of Florida

Dr. Boce Zhang Lab at the University of Florida is seeking for qualified applicants in nanopore microbiomics, biointerface science, advanced modeling, and nondestructive smart sensing.

For more details, please contact Boce Zhang (boce.zhang@ufl.edu).

### 3. 教师-华东理工大学

华东理工大学位于上海市徐汇区，教育部直属 211、985 平台、双一流重点大学。目前华东理工大学生物工程学院招聘食品类、生物工程类教师，有意者请联系：

[zhaoliming@ecust.edu.cn](mailto:zhaoliming@ecust.edu.cn)

### 4. Principal scientist R & D/Senior Food Scientist (Rao's Pizza)

<https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/SOV1000SVBI/JobBoard/5ece3749-191a-4ffd-9f72-e1b9b00d7e0f/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=1a69dec5-54f9-4abb-a819-de21843a57a9>

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### 5. Assistant professor-Cal Poly Pomona

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona is seeking for a tenure track assistant professor in Food Science and Technology.

<https://careers.cpp.edu/en-us/job/543256/food-science-and-technologyassistant-professor>

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