Research Assistant Professor  
Faculty Position

**Application Due:** Review of applications will begin on January 5, 2015.  
**Type:** Twelve-month, Non-Tenure-track Research Assistant Professor  
**Position Availability:** Immediately (negotiable)  
**Salary:** Competitive and commensurate with qualifications

**Position Description:**  
Department of Nutritional Sciences (NS) seeks an energetic faculty member to join the department with 16 full time faculty. The successful candidate will participate in and contribute to the Obesity and Metabolic Health Laboratory directed by Dr. Nik Dhurandhar, who will also serve as a mentor for the selected candidate. The successful candidate is expected to pursue research and academic success, including extramural research grants, high-quality publications, student mentoring, and related services. The successful applicant will contribute to the university’s mission, primarily through research by serving as a faculty member in our accredited graduate program. The candidate will be able to engage in position-relevant service activities. Funding for this position is provided for up to three years pending successful performance as documented in the annual evaluation process.

**Qualification:**  
Ph.D., Ph.D., M.D. or other doctoral level degree from an accredited college/university in a discipline related to nutrition or biomedical research. A person with background and research interest in clinical aspects of obesity, diabetes, and metabolic diseases. This person will add expertise in clinical studies and intervention trials and expand the critical mass of clinical researchers in the department. Importantly, this person will provide the opportunity for translational research to basic researchers. Considering our strong accredited dietetics programs in NS, this researcher could also provide hands on experiential learning opportunities for our dietetic interns.

Candidates are expected to have or be on a path towards a nationally recognized research program and demonstrate a high potential to secure extramural research grants. Postdoctoral research experience and a strong publication record are required. Excellent written and oral communication skills are expected.

**Obesity and Metabolic Health Laboratory:**
This faculty will work closely with Dr. Nikhil V. Dhurandhar, a professor and Chair of the department of Nutritional Sciences, and president of The Obesity Society for 2014-2015. As a physician and nutritional biochemist, he has been involved with obesity treatment and research for over 20 years and has treated over 10,000 patients for obesity. Dr. Dhurandhar has been funded by the NIH, and other organizations and has active grant support of about $1.2 Million. He has published over 100 scientific articles, and book chapters, and served as a mentor or advisor for several students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty. The new faculty will complement Dr. Dhurandhar's research and enhance the ability to secure grant support for larger clinical studies.

Responsibilities:
- Develop and maintain a high impact scholarly research program via publications and external funding.
- Train undergraduates and graduates.
- Contribute to developing a strong extramural research program.
- Be able to work in multidisciplinary teams utilizing cutting edge tools in research involving clinical nutrition and translational medicine, aimed at prevention, or treatment of obesity and related metabolic comorbidities.
- Engage in position-relevant service.

Department:
This is a unique opportunity to join a newly formed and expanding department that is committed to educating future leaders in nutritional sciences, and promoting basic translational, clinical, and community research and teaching excellence. We offer several infrastructure and collaborative resources within the department and College of Human Sciences (COHS) and the Texas Tech System. More information can be found in the following website: [https://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/ns/](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/ns/).

Please apply online at [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hr/workatexastech/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hr/workatexastech/) using requisition number 6108BR

As an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, Texas Tech University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We actively encourage applications from all who can contribute, through their research, teaching and/or service, to the diversity and excellence of the academic community at Texas Tech University. The University welcomes applications from minorities, women, veterans, persons with disabilities and dual career couples.

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