Chair, Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition
College of Social and Applied Human Sciences
University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

Located in Guelph, Ontario, the University of Guelph was established in 1964 and is considered one of Canada’s top universities. With more than 20,000 undergraduate and 2,100 graduate students, the University is consistently ranked highly for providing a comprehensive education that combines traditional academia with experiential learning and co-operative education outside the classroom. Research opportunities allow students to learn from and work with faculty who are experts in their field. The University welcomes international students from around the world, while providing study abroad programs for those interested in broadening their global perspective. Guelph’s alumni population continues to grow and now totals more than 101,000 alumni in 145 countries.

With nearly 5,000 undergraduate students, more than 300 graduate students and 200 faculty and staff, The College of Social and Applied Human Sciences (CSAHS - see www.uoguelph.ca/csahs) is comprised of five departments: Family Relations and Applied Nutrition (FRAN), Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology. CSAHS offers a range of academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate level, several of which are professionally accredited. The college is also home to two large inter-disciplinary programs – International Development Studies and Criminal Justice and Public Policy – that draw on expertise housed in several academic units. The college is committed to conducting research that is socially responsive, engaged with the community and effective in shaping public policy.

The Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition (FRAN) is a vibrant interdisciplinary department with over 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students. FRAN has the vision “to be an engaged and innovative interdisciplinary community of practitioners and scholars that excels at putting science into practice to enhance the lives, relationships, and well-being of individuals and families within diverse communities.” Part of its mission is to educate and inspire students to become professional leaders in the fields of family relations, childhood, adolescence, youth, adulthood and aging; sexuality, couple and family therapy, and human health and nutrition. FRAN’s faculty and graduate student theoretical and applied interdisciplinary research has an increasing impact on professional practice and the design of interventions and preventative strategies that benefit society and social and health policy. FRAN is home to a Canada Research Chair in Care, Gender & Relationships, and the Jarislowsky Chair in Families & Work, as well as recipients of several major research and teaching awards.

Overview
Applications are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. Housed in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences (CSAHS), and with a national and international reputation, FRAN offers undergraduate majors in Adult Development, Applied Human Nutrition (accredited) and Child, Youth and Family. The department offers MSc and PhD programs in Applied Human Nutrition, and Family Relations and Human Development. In addition, it offers two accredited professional Master’s programs: Master of Applied Nutrition (MAN) with a dietetic internship, and an MSc in Couple and Family Therapy.
The initial appointment will be for five years, renewable for a second term of up to five years. The target start date is July 1, 2016. Applicants must have a PhD and will need to qualify for appointment with tenure.

**Major Responsibilities**

While the successful candidate is expected to participate in the Department’s teaching and research programs, the majority effort in the position is focused on leadership and management. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Provide leadership in implementing the Department’s vision and mission
- Take a lead role in the Department’s future development, helping to position the unit within the College, the university, and national and international spheres
- Encourage respect for a range of career paths and different forms and fields of scholarship
- Be committed to experiential learning
- Cultivate relationships with alumni, and to be proactively involved in outreach and community engagement at an international level
- Promote and sustain an interdisciplinary culture of collaboration and inclusive governance
- Understand and work within the practices and policies of the university, including various collective agreements and accreditation standards
- Follow and shape departmental policy to ensure orderly, effective, efficient and collegial operations
- Work effectively as a member of the CSAHS Dean’s Council to ensure that department interests are well represented in college level initiatives and to contribute to effective functioning and vision for the College.

**Experience**

- Significant teaching and research experience related to department programs and activities, ideally in an interdisciplinary environment
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong leadership and management skills, with the ability to foster a collaborative style of department decision-making, governance and culture with teaching and administrative staff and students
- Experience and excellence in leadership in academic or non-academic settings is highly desirable
- A demonstrated ability to work with non-academic communities would be of benefit.

*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Guelph is committed to equity in its policies, practices, and programs, supports diversity in its teaching, learning and work environments, and ensures that applications for members of underrepresented groups are seriously considered under its employment equity policy. All qualified individuals who would contribute to the further diversification of our University community are encouraged to apply.*

To explore this opportunity further, contact and/or email your curriculum vitae and cover letter to:

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*The deadline for applications is March 25, 2016.*