



Pilot Plant Manager
Department of Food Science and Technology, Athens Campus

Job Summary: The Pilot Plant Manager will manage the activities of the pilot plant in the Department of Food Science and Technology and the design, set-up, and operation of food processing systems. This position will work independently and with other faculty and graduate students in the Department of Food Science & Technology (FST) on the UGA Athens campus. This position will have minimal supervision and provide technical support to researchers in the department in managing the pilot plant located in the Food Science building. This position is critical to ensure the safety of personnel working in the pilot plant and operating food processing equipment. This individual will work with industry representatives to conduct research projects with faculty supervision, work with faculty and students to design and implement research projects and assist with developing and coordinating workshops. The Pilot Plant Manager will maintain a high degree of professionalism and integrity in ensuring safety compliance policies in the execution of experiments in the pilot plant. This position is responsible for the proper maintenance of food processing equipment and analytical instruments and ensures compliance with standard operating procedures (SOPs). The individual in this position will also diagnose and troubleshoot problems with food processing equipment and analytical instruments

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelors' in Food Science, Agricultural Engineering, Process Engineering, Packaging Engineering, or related discipline
- 4 years of experience with processing, research methodology, high technology equipment or related field
- Familiarity with food processing and preservation principles
- Strong leadership, management, and interpersonal skills
- Ability to utilize independent judgment to solve problems
- Excellent organizational skills to effectively handle multiple ongoing tasks and strive for continuous improvement
- General knowledge of software systems including Microsoft Office applications
- Teaching skills
- Knowledge of operation and maintenance of various types of processing equipment, such as pumps, heat exchangers, dicers, finishers, dryers, extruder, can closer, retort, fryer, aseptic filler, etc.
- Knowledgeable in FSMA, FDA, USDA, GMP, OSHA, and state rules and regulations

Preferred Qualifications: Experience as a manager in a food processing facility with knowledge including, but not limited to, quality control, production scheduling, regulatory compliance, maintenance and management of processing equipment, knowledge and experience in food plant sanitation, HACCP, GMP's, Better Process Control School.

Responsibilities: More details about job responsibilities can be found at the link

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How to Apply: For your application to be considered please apply at the link provided below.

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