Position Summary
The College of Public Health at the University of Georgia, pursuant to its mission and values, invites applications for a new faculty position specializing in data science and cognitive aging and/or related chronic diseases to begin August 1, 2023. This tenure-track (or tenured) position is an academic 9-month appointment. The successful candidate may be appointed at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank, commensurate with the candidate's experience, and will maintain an academic appointment in the Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics with an affiliation with the Institute of Gerontology.

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics consists of nationally and internationally-recognized faculty with a diverse range of content expertise from the fields of epidemiology, data analysis and modeling, and biostatistics. The departments have strong connections with major public health organizations in Atlanta and beyond, including the CDC, Georgia Department of Public Health, CARE International, National Cancer Society, World Health Organization, and many others.

The Institute of Gerontology is a research institute consisting of more than 25 affiliated faculty from across the University of Georgia. The institute houses the Cognitive Aging, Research and Education (CARE) Center, an interdisciplinary, interprofessional research, mentorship, and outreach space that trains students and postdoctoral fellows from a variety of disciplines to become part of the future cognitive aging workforce. The candidate is expected to contribute to this line of work through the study of chronic and/or neurodegenerative disease risk, co-occurring chronic conditions (e.g., cardiovascular diseases), prevention, intervention, and/or screening/diagnosis.

The position is part of a campus-wide Presidential Interdisciplinary Faculty Hiring Initiative in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence that aims to recruit a total of 50 faculty members who will educate students and advance research in data science and AI. Rather than being housed exclusively in a single department; however, the majority of UGA's newly recruited faculty will focus on the fusion of data science and AI in cross-cutting areas such as health and medicine, biomanufacturing, infectious diseases, integrative precision agriculture, ethics, cybersecurity, resilient communities, and the environment.

As part of the university-wide Precision One Health Initiative, the College of Public Health will utilize this initiative to demonstrate our commitment to diversifying our faculty and ensure that we maintain and grow the culture of equity and inclusivity in our college. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are core values of the university and college, and this hiring initiative will make use of the best practices to ensure an inclusive search.
process. The Diversity and Inclusion Plan for the college identifies priority areas for our investments. The college offers structured mentoring programs for all faculty to support professional development.

**Minimum Qualifications**
Applications must have an advanced degree (PhD or other relevant doctoral degree) in epidemiology, biostatistics, data science, or related field.

Rank and tenure status on appointment will be based on the application and promotion and tenure guidelines. Requirements for each rank and tenure are outlined in the University’s Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Guidelines and the College of Public Health’s Promotion and Tenure Guidelines.

**Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**
We believe that research should inspire action. We are committed to conducting meaningful research through innovative approaches and collaboration across disciplines and sectors and connecting with the communities we serve in Georgia and around the world. To this end, we are looking for a team player. Specifically, the candidate should bridge research efforts between Precision One Health Initiative cluster hires across the University, in addition to synergizing interdisciplinary collaboration efforts between units within the College of Public Health, specifically the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the Institute of Gerontology. The ideal candidate will conduct research, education, and outreach at the intersection of several potential areas: aging; health disparities associated with aging; chronic and/or neurodegenerative disease; artificial intelligence, data science, biostatistics, epidemiology, etc.

The candidate should show strong potential for engagement with and leading successful interdisciplinary teams. Furthermore, the candidate should demonstrate a record of high-quality peer-reviewed publications and evidence of ability to attract and sustain external funding. The candidate must show evidence of strong potential for excellence in instruction and will advise students, direct MPH and PhD projects/theses, and conduct professional and collegiate service activities both within UGA and the community at large. Preference will be given to qualified candidates who can demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion in their teaching, research and/or service.

**Application Procedure**
To apply, please submit applications at: [https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/292939](https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/292939)
Along with the on-line application, applicants are asked to submit the following information as a single PDF file:

- A detailed *curriculum vitae*.
- A cover letter addressing the candidate’s experience relative to the responsibilities of the position (1 page max.).
- A summary of research accomplishments and future goals (2 page max.).
• A statement describing the candidate’s commitment to diversity and the creation of an equitable and inclusive professional environment (2 page max.).
• A statement of teaching philosophy and experiences regarding instruction and mentoring (2-page max.).
• The names, titles, and contact information for three professional references.

In a separate PDF file, candidates should:
• combine three reprints of authored research papers.

Questions related to the position may be directed:
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All applications received by February 1, 2023 will receive full consideration. Screening will continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date for the position is August 1, 2023.

About the University of Georgia
Since our founding in 1785, the University of Georgia has operated as Georgia’s oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education (https://www.uga.edu/). The proof is in our more than 235 years of academic and professional achievements and our continual commitment to higher education. UGA is currently ranked among the top 20 public universities in U.S. News & World Report. The University’s main campus is located in Athens, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta, with extended campuses in Atlanta, Griffin, Gwinnett, and Tifton. UGA employs approximately 1,800 full-time instructional faculty and more than 7,700 full-time staff. The University’s enrollment exceeds 40,000 students including over 30,000 undergraduates and over 10,000 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 18 schools and colleges, as well as a medical partnership with Augusta University housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Athens.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. As such, the University of Georgia is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. We not only strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented communities to
consider applying for this position, but we also maintain that all candidates should share our commitment to diversity and inclusion. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (HRWeb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.