

Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent (Local Food Systems
Coordinator)
LSU AgCenter

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Job Title	Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent (Local Food Systems Coordinator)
Department	Northeast Region
Institution	LSU AgCenter Winnsboro, Louisiana
Date Posted	Feb. 3, 2020
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Research Scientist/Associate Faculty Associate
Academic Field(s)	Food & Nutritional Science Agricultural Extension
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Job Description

Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent
(Local Food Systems Coordinator)
(Northeast Region)

(This is a grant-funded, non-tenure track position. Funding must be available for any continuation of appointment.)

Work Location: The area to be served is the Northeast Region, with focus on East Carroll, Madison, Morehouse, and Tensas Parishes. This position will be domiciled at the Regional Office in Winnsboro, LA.

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Position Description: The local food systems coordinator will create and maintain a regional identity that promotes the local food system in the Northeast region as part of a grant intended to increase healthy food access by addressing the food system and built environment. The coordinator will also increase community awareness through educational and promotional marketing, along with economic and community development.

Candidate will be responsible for building partnerships with local food system stakeholders in the targeted parishes, including but not limited to local producers, economic development groups, food service directors, farmers market managers, parish (county) officials, food retailers and local businesses. In coordination with project team, the candidate will identify, map, and assess all local food system assets by creating a database of producers, institutional buyers, distribution points, and available infrastructure. Other responsibilities include: connecting with wholesale buyers (institutions, restaurants, and distributors); assisting in development and coordination of area farmers markets to share resources; initiating/ participating in the development of a aggregation or distribution infrastructure, or food hub; facilitating, providing or marketing educational programs and/ or workshops for farmers (i.e. GAP certification, Scaling-up, marketing, as well as consumers, like local food bidding and procurement). This individual must be willing to maintain professional competence as an extension agent of the LSU AgCenter. The agent is expected to perform other tasks as assigned by supervisor(s). Coordination and collaboration with other LSU AgCenter Extension faculty and SU Ag Center staff will be essential. In order to attend and conduct programming to meet the needs of clientele, this position may require overnight travel and work on evenings and weekends.

Qualification Requirements: Bachelor's degree in agricultural related field and equivalent experience in relevant field preferred. Must have an undergraduate degree with an overall grade-point average of at least 2.5 (all GPA requirements based on a 4.0 system) and a 3.0 for graduate work attempted, if any, or master's degree or a current grade-point average of at least 3.0 on at least 12 hours of graduate credit. Candidate should have strong communication skills, with the ability to interact with a wide range of people from different sectors. Interest and a knowledge of local food systems, such as farming, food distribution, marketing, nutrition and wellness, and food retail is desired. Ability to work with and through others is essential, as is the ability to function with minimum supervision. Successful candidates will exemplify a positive attitude and a passion to improve the lives of others.

Salary and Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and



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possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

Conditions of Employment: A personal automobile and appropriate insurance coverage is required (travel allowance provided). Satisfactory completion of two specific graduate level extension courses (6 credit hours) is generally required in the first two years of employment. Additionally, a faculty member who does not have a related master's degree must complete an additional 9 hours of related graduate level coursework in order to be promoted to associate agent and such promotion must occur in the first seven years of employment. An exception is that additional agent experience may be substituted for nine hours of coursework, but not for the two required courses.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2020 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

Application Procedure: Apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or in Workday for internal applicants) by attaching cover letter with resume including a statement of professional interest and goals, university transcripts, and two letters of reference. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

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