Department of Food Science

Food Scientists work on the scientific and technological aspects of processing food and related products. Using their pooled knowledge of chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, and engineering, they create high-tech foods to reduce the risk of disease and determine how safe and nutritious our food will be, and how long and well it will keep. They also explore and analyze the many questions that have to be asked -- and answered -- before a new product can go on the market.

At the international level, food scientists also play an ever increasing role in protecting the food chain from threats such as international terrorism. As the United States strives to remain the world’s leading food supplier, food science will continue to be vital to the food industry. Technology is the answer and it will be up to the food scientist to provide this technology.

Alabama A&M University offers both Masters and Doctorial programs in Food Science. The graduate program is world renowned and attracts students from fields such as food science, biology, chemistry, and nutrition. The varied interests of Food Science faculty offer graduate students extensive research opportunities at Alabama A&M University ranging from food fermentation to food engineering and from food safety to food nutrition.

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- must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.
- Must complete and submit the graduate assistantship application: http://www.aamu.edu/Academics/gradstudies/gradresources/forms/Documents/ApplicationForGraduateAssistantship.pdf
- Submit completed applications to gradschool1@aamu.edu

* Assistantships stipends vary – ranging from $2,500 to $5,000 per semester