ABOUT US

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

OUR DEPARTMENT
The Department of Nutrition and Food Science was established in January 2005 upon a rich heritage of Aggie leadership in nutrition and food science. In creating the Department, the state of Texas and Texas A&M University recognized the importance of the disciplines of nutrition and food science in maintaining health and preventing diseases.

OUR ENROLLMENT
Undergraduate
Food Science: 112
Nutrition: 486

Graduate
Masters in Nutrition: 3
PhD in Nutrition: 28
Masters in Food Science: 13
PhD in Food Science: 17

OUR MISSION
1. Help develop, distribute and market foods that people want to eat and businesses want to sell,
2. Find out how foods (and nutrients) work in our bodies to promote health, and
3. Teach people to choose foods (and lifestyles) to help them be healthy.
Dr. Robert Chapkin named American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow

Dr. Robert Chapkin is the William W. Allen Endowed Chair in Nutrition and Chronic Disease Prevention at Texas A&M. He is a University Distinguished Professor, Regents Professor and University Faculty Fellow in the Program in Integrative Nutrition and Complex Diseases. He is also a Texas A&M AgriLife Senior Faculty Fellow.

Election as an AAAS Fellow in Biological Sciences is an honor bestowed upon members by their peers, according to the association. This year, 416 members have been awarded this honor because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.

Chapkin and other new Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue rosette pin, whose colors represent science and engineering, respectively, on Feb. 16 at the 2019 AAAS annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Chapkin is a National Cancer Institute R35 Outstanding Investigator and is co-director of a National Institutes of Health-funded nutrition, biostatistics and bioinformatics training grant.

Chapkin’s expertise is in dietary and botanical modulators related to prevention of cancer and chronic inflammatory diseases, such as inflammatory bowel disease. His research centers on colon cancer prevention by investigating the impact of dietary fat, fiber and gut microbiota status on chronic disease processes.

He has received a number of awards for his work, including the Osborne and Mendel Award from the American Society for Nutrition, NASA Space Act Award and Bio Serv Award in Experimental Animal Nutrition from the American Society for Nutrition.

Chapkin also is a member of numerous professional societies and has authored or co-authored more than 270 scientific research publications.

Chapkin earned a bachelor’s degree in nutrition and biochemistry and a master’s degree in nutrition from the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and a doctorate in nutrition and physiological chemistry from the University of California, Davis.

Originally Published by AgriLife Today
Dr. Wu Invited to Present at International Conference

Dr. Chaodong Wu was invited to participate and present at the First International Conference on Precision Nutrition and Metabolism in Public Health and Medicine. The conference was held September 21 – 26, 2018 in Chania, Crete, Greece. During the conference, Dr. Wu delivered a speech on obesity-related circadian dysregulation and insulin resistance. Also, Dr. Wu was invited to participate and present at the 22nd Scientific Meeting of the Chinese Diabetes Society (CDS2018). The CDS2018 was held November 28th – December 1st, 2018 in Suzhou, China. During the meeting, Dr. Wu delivered a speech on the protective role for adenosine 2A receptor in inflammation and insulin resistance.

Results Made by Researchers in Dr. Wu’s Lab Published in Gastroenterology Journal

Together with co-researchers, Ms. Xianjun Luo and Mr. Linqiang Ma, visiting students in the Lab of Dr. Chaodong Wu, made significant achievements in elucidating how STING, a regulator of innate immunity, enhances macrophage pro-inflammation and promotes macrophage-mediated insulin resistance and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. Their results were recently published in Gastroenterology. The pertinent Editorial and Covering of the Cover are also available in the same issue of the Journal.

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