Lincoln University of Missouri is seeking to hire an Assistant/Associate Professor (Tenure Track). The successful candidate is required to develop a research program in nutrition with emphasis on obesity and obesity-related chronic health problems and their prevention. As a faculty member of the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences the successful candidate will be expected to teach the basic undergraduate nutrition course. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Nutrition or closely related area with evidence of excellent research potential and teaching ability.

Please access the Lincoln University website at: http://www.lincolnu.edu/pages/110.asp for a complete job description.

Notice of Availability of Vitamin D Standard Reference Material
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NIH Office of Dietary Supplements and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has worked with the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Dietary Supplements to develop a standard reference material (SRM) for circulating vitamin D analysis. This reference material, SRM 972 Vitamin D in Human Serum, consists of four pools of fresh-frozen serum. Each pool has a different level of 25(OH)D2, 25(OH)D3, or both. One pool also contains 3-epi-25(OH)D3. The SRM will provide a material with stable, well-defined levels of the analytes of interest. It will serve as a reproducible point of comparison, of results across laboratories and within a given laboratory over time. Investigators can use the SRM to validate new analytical methods as they are developed and to assign values to in-house quality-control materials.

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Also available from NIST is the new SRM 3280 for multivitamin/multielement tablets. This will be of value to manufacturers and clinical trialists who currently have no definitive, independently certified standard with which to verify their testing methods and calibrate their equipment.

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