



Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
Everglades Research & Education Center ~ Belle Glade

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position # 0001-3649

Requisition # 0803167

- Title:** Assistant Professor, Plant Breeder
- Location:** Everglades Research & Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Belle Glade, Florida
- Salary:** Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience
- Review Date:** To ensure full consideration please apply online and submit additional materials by December 15, 2009. Position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 80% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 20% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Everglades Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include conducting basic and applied research on lettuce and turfgrass that will add to its informational base and to develop germplasm useful for research and cultivar development around the world. Conduct an active breeding program for the development of crisphead, butterhead, cos and leaf cultivars of lettuce and St. Augustinegrass turf that are primarily adapted to Florida. Conduct marker assisted plant breeding and develop a strong cultivar development program that will lead to pest and disease resistant lines that tolerate lower 9inputs of nutrients and water and have improved appearance quality. The appointee will function as a member of an interdisciplinary team for research on Integrated Pest Management Strategies for the development of improved vegetable and turf cultivars and their management. The faculty will also perform relevant horticultural duties. Evidence of interest and ability to carry out a successful independent research program as well as cooperate with others are necessary qualifications. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Horticulture. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate

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committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.

The successful candidate will participate actively in undergraduate and graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis, dissertation and undergraduate research, and publishing research results with students. Faculty are encouraged to participate in professional development activities related to teaching and advising and may teach courses and seminars.

Qualifications

An earned doctorate in plant breeding, horticulture or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Background Information:

The University of Florida (<http://www.ufl.edu>) is a Land-Grant and Sea-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<http://cals.ufl.edu>), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://research.ifas.ufl.edu>), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu>), the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Employment Conditions

This position is available December 15, 2009, and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

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Nominations

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

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Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <https://jobs.ufl.edu> and submit:
 - Faculty profile - short application
 - Cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
 - Resume

- Official transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to:

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