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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – Vegetable Specialist
Position # 0001-4553
Requisition # 0802585

Location: Horticultural Sciences Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: November 1, 2009 or until the position is filled.

Duties And Responsibilities

This 12-month, tenure-track position is 60% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 40% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), available in the Horticultural Sciences Department and where tenure will accrue. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The successful candidate is expected to establish an effective statewide research program in vegetable crops (including potato) management focusing on alternative crops and cropping systems that lead to increased crop diversification and sustainability for potato and vegetable farms in Florida, with emphasis on potato farms of northeast Florida. This faculty member will develop an extension program with statewide emphasis on potato production and cultivar evaluation in addition to an education effort relating to the alternative crops and cropping systems research program. Development of collaborative programs will be expected with horticulture faculty members located in Gainesville and at UF/IFAS Research and Education Centers around the state, as well as with faculty in related disciplines. The incumbent is expected to publish research results in refereed journals, obtain significant grant support for the research and extension programs, and supervise and advise graduate students. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land-Grant mission.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in horticulture, agronomy, or a closely related plant science discipline. Postdoctoral and/or previous extension experience and participation in interdisciplinary research programs are preferred. Candidates must demonstrate 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 and have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Background Information

Research and extension programming can be conducted at the Florida Partnership for Water Agriculture and Community Sustainability at Hastings located approximately 55 miles northeast of the main University of Florida campus in Gainesville, FL, and at the Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra, FL, 22 miles south of Gainesville. Close proximity to Gainesville provides excellent opportunities for additional cooperative work with growers and for onsite graduate student training. The Florida Partnership for Water Agriculture and Community Sustainability at Hastings serves a three-county agricultural area annually producing agricultural commodities with a farm-gate value exceeding \$200 million. Potatoes and vegetables comprise 45% of this total.

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 50,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>), 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 (<http://cals.ufl.edu>), the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu>), the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://research.ifas.ufl.edu>), and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>). IFAS 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. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Employment Conditions

This position is available November 1, 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.

Nominations And Applications

Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Individuals wishing to apply should visit <https://jobs.ufl.edu> (referencing requisition # 0802585) and submit a Faculty Profile – Short application.

Also, applicants should submit the following materials as a pdf file to Dr. Steven A. Sargent, sasa@ufl.edu:

- curriculum vitae (including statement of current position and responsibilities)
- one-page description of extension philosophy and research interests
- names and addresses (including email) of five references

Review of application materials will begin on November 1, 2009, and will continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information

Please refer to Position # 0001-4553 and forward all nominations, applications, and inquiries to:

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