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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position # 0001-3548**

**Requisition # 0803204**

- Title:** ASSISTANT or ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR – Extension and Research Plant Pathology
- Location:** Department of Plant Pathology  
University of Florida  
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)  
Gainesville, Florida
- Salary:** Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience
- Review Date:** To ensure full consideration please apply online and submit additional materials by January 4, 2010. Position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** This is a 12-month tenure-accruing Assistant Professor position that will be 35% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 65% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) available in the Department of Plant Pathology, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Plant Pathology. This faculty member will be responsible for establishing a long term, integrated, extension and research program focused on diseases of agronomic and vegetable crops in Florida. The position's extension responsibilities for agronomic crops include peanuts, pasture and forage crops, corn, sorghum, small grains, tobacco, and soybeans. Vegetable crop responsibilities include involvement in state-wide extension efforts for various crops including cucurbits, cabbage, and potato. The research program will be considerably more focused on issues of importance to clientele that contribute to extramural funding. The successful candidate is expected to build a strong collaborative relationship with extension and research faculty at the UF research centers and county offices throughout the state. Long-term, the research program should create and evaluate innovative disease control programs for the assigned crops. The faculty member will be expected to participate in graduate education through chairing graduate committees and supervising

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thesis and dissertation research. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Program of the University of Florida is required.

**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** A Ph.D. in Plant Pathology or a closely related field is required. Postdoctoral or other postgraduate experience is desirable but not required. Given the predominant problems on the assigned crops, mycological expertise is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, ability to establish and maintain good interpersonal relationships, and to procure 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 Department of Plant Pathology has diverse teaching, research and extension education programs with 13 faculty members located on the University of Florida's Gainesville campus, 19 faculty located across the state at research and education centers, as well as numerous courtesy faculty and support personnel. Currently the department has roughly 35 undergraduate and graduate students, and houses the Doctor of Plant Medicine Program. The department also participates in the Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology program. The University of Florida, a member of the Association of American Universities and the State's 'flagship' University, is a Land-Grant institution with an enrollment in excess of 48,000 students on the Gainesville campus. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), the largest unit within the University, has approximately 950 faculty and 1,600 staff members located in 15 academic units and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, and 13 dispersed research and educational centers. Additionally, UF/IFAS staffs Cooperative Extension units (County Campuses) in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. UF/IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resource 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.

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

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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.

Gainesville is an attractive university town of 120,000 located near the geographic center of Florida and midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The region is characterized by extensive natural resources, with many lakes, rivers, and natural areas. Recently it was named the No.1 among the 400 cities in the United States and Canada compared in Cities Ranked & Rated, 2nd Edition published by Frommer's.

### **EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS**

This position is available January 4, 2010, 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**

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to the Search and Screen Committee Chair (address below):

### **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
  - Curriculum vitae
  
- Applicants should arrange for official transcripts and three letters of recommendation to be sent to:

Please refer to requisition 0803204:  
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