



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

- POSITION TITLE:** Tenure track Assistant Professor of Food and Agricultural Business Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics
- NATURE OF POSITION:** Research and teaching
- DATE AVAILABLE:** January 2008
- PRINCIPAL DUTIES:** The person in this position will develop and conduct a nationally and internationally recognized research and teaching program in food and agricultural business economics, including inter-firm relationships. Topics of interest include: contracting and vertical integration in agriculture and agribusiness; the role of intellectual property in food and agricultural production, input supply, and processing; risk sharing and contract performance incentives; the industrialization of food and agriculture brought about by new technologies; changes in the mechanisms by which the food and agribusiness industry establishes relationships with their customer base; and evaluation of alternative design mechanisms and business strategies. The person filling this position will be expected to develop a highly visible research program, the results of which will be published in leading peer reviewed journals. The Department currently has a very strong core group of professionals who focus on food and agribusiness management in their teaching, research, and outreach efforts. The successful candidate will be expected to work closely with these and other faculty and graduate students in related and complementary research and educational programs that attract extramural support. Teaching and advising at especially the graduate level but also at the undergraduate level is expected..
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidate must have a Ph.D. in agricultural economics or economics or related field. Demonstrated ability in microeconomic theory and quantitative methods is required with research interests in one or more of the following: organizational economics; contract theory; experimental economics; mechanism design; and industrial organization. The position requires the ability to communicate orally and in writing and the skill to be an effective teacher when working in public forums or the classroom.
- SALARY:** Commensurate with training and experience. Purdue University also offers an excellent fringe benefits package that includes TIAA-CREF retirement programs, medical, life and disability insurance, and a sabbatical leave program.
- APPLICATION:** Applications may be initiated by writing to Dr. Sarahelen Thompson, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, 403 West State St., Purdue University, West Lafayette , Indiana 47907-2056. A complete application should include a statement describing research interests and inter-disciplinary experience, graduate transcripts and a resume'. Contact information for at least three references should be also provided.
- CLOSING DATE:** Screening of applicants will begin September 1, 2007 and will continue until the position has been filled.