POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Assistant Professor in Horticultural Economics

Location: Mid-Florida Research and Education Center University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Apopka, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: To ensure full consideration please apply online and submit additional materials by March 1, 2010. Position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 40% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), located at the Mid-Florida 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 research in horticultural economics and developing an extension (outreach) program for clientele in the commercial nursery and landscape industries. The incumbent will be expected to work closely with faculty in the Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology in areas such as the determination of impacts of horticultural practices, including fertilizer and water use, and policies in the urban environment. The successful candidate will secure external funding to support his/her research program, publish in national and international journals, and thus develop a nationally recognized research program. Tenure will accrue in the Food and Resource Economics Department.

The faculty member 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. 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.

Qualifications

An earned doctorate in agricultural economics, economics, or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and ability 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,
Candidates should possess excellent quantitative skills and the motivation to work in multidisciplinary teams. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

**Background Information:**

The Mid-Florida Research and Education Center (MREC, http://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu) is a unit of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse research and extension programs, with 14 faculty and about 75 support staff, post-doctoral associates and graduate assistants working with a variety of crops and organisms. The MREC is focused on research and outreach in support of Florida’s large and growing horticulture industry. The research team at MREC includes entomologists, horticulturists, plant pathologists, plant physiologists, plant breeder/ geneticists, and the Director. There are ample opportunities to participate in campus and departmental activities, joint research projects and in graduate student training. MREC is located in the center of the state, 15 miles northwest of Orlando and 94 miles south of the main campus in Gainesville.

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), and 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 March 1, 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, and nominations of women and minorities are encouraged. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to the chair of the search and screen committee, with reference to Position Requisition # 0803686:

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Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
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Mid-Florida Research and Education Center  
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Apopka, FL 32703-8504  
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Application Information

Individuals wishing to apply should go online to https://jobs.ufl.edu and submit: (1) General application, (2) Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, and (3) Resume. Official transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to the chair of the search and screen committee (Bob Stamps).

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity and equal access employer. The “government in the sunshine” laws of Florida require that all documents relating to the search process, including letters of application, nomination, and reference, except transcripts, be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.