

University of Idaho

Position Description

Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics

The University of Idaho (UI) Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences invites applications for a 12-month tenure track Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics position in the field of community and land use economics. The position will involve 50% service-oriented teaching, 50% applied research in UI's interdisciplinary and outreach-oriented Bioregional Planning and Community Design (BioP) program and the Agricultural Economics Master's program. The position will be located within the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology which is located on the main campus in Moscow, ID.

This position is a part of the *Building Sustainable Communities Initiative*, which is an innovative new collaborative effort involving seven UI colleges, seven academic departments, and UI Cooperative Extension. Funded with a \$1.7 million university grant, the program includes a graduate academic program in bioregional planning, a planning outreach program with Idaho communities, and a professional training and capacity-building program for community leaders and planning professionals.

Responsibilities:

Activities associated with this position will include, but are not limited to, the following:

The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching up to two graduate or undergraduate courses and a graduate studio course, developing an externally funded applied research and teaching program that connects graduate students with community-based economic planning projects, and working across disciplines with faculty from other departments and colleges participating in the BioP program. A focal point for integrated research and service learning will be interdisciplinary graduate studio courses that engage students in ongoing regional planning projects.

Required Qualifications:

1. Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics or closely related field with an area of specialization such as community development, land use economics, regional economics, bioregional planning or local public finance by the time of appointment.
2. Demonstrated potential for effective and innovative teaching at the graduate level.
3. The ability to advise and work with interdisciplinary student teams on community-based bioregional planning projects.
4. The ability to develop an externally-supported applied research and outreach/service learning program related to land use and community development decisions and policies on both local and regional scales.
5. The ability to integrate teaching, research and outreach activities.
6. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential.
7. The ability to publish in leading refereed journals.

8. The ability to distribute research findings effectively to a wide variety of audiences such as community groups, elected officials, and land managers.

Desired Qualifications:

1. Academic or practical experience in one or more of the following topic areas as they pertain to the American West: housing policy, Indian land tenure, farmland preservation, sustainable agriculture, alternative energy, rural tourism and the economics of conservation.
2. Experience as the primary instructor for a university-level course.
3. Experience with interdisciplinary research or outreach collaborations.
4. A background or at least one degree in planning and eligibility for certification and membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Salary is competitive and will depend upon the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

To Apply:

Candidates should apply using the online application process at <http://www.hr.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=35496> . Include a letter of application addressing related experience and the required and desired qualifications, statements of teaching, outreach and research philosophy and interests, curriculum vitae, college transcripts, and three letters of recommendation from individuals knowledgeable about the candidate's professional abilities. Documents that cannot be submitted online (transcripts and letters of recommendation) should be mailed to: Michele Mattoon, Search Committee Coordinator, University of Idaho, PO Box 442334, Moscow, ID 83844-2334.

Review of Applications will begin July 10, 2007 and continue until a sufficient applicant pool has been identified.

Addition Information:

Contact either search co-chair:

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