

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Instructor of Agribusiness Virginia Tech

Applicants are sought for an academic year instructor position in agribusiness. This is a teaching/extension position in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics with continuing appointment based on funding and performance. The position is available August 10, 2009. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The person hired will have the opportunity to pursue a PhD while working as an Instructor.

Required Qualifications: M.S. with agribusiness teaching or industry experience in the areas of finance, management, marketing, entrepreneurship or related areas. Preference will be given to applicants with an excellent teaching record, and to applicants with experience in the “greens” industry (i.e., nursery, greenhouse and turf), agricultural commodity risk management, or agricultural finance.

Desired Qualifications: Experience teaching introductory micro or macro economics, agricultural finance, managerial economics, and marketing. Experience working with Cooperative Extension. Demonstrated ability to write economics publications for agricultural clientele groups.

Responsibilities: This is a teaching/extension position focusing on agricultural and agribusiness finance, management, marketing, and entrepreneurship. Primary responsibilities include teaching four undergraduate agribusiness courses per year and developing a complementary extension/outreach program addressing the needs of the Virginia greens industry and/or agricultural risk management.

Virginia Tech: Virginia Tech (<http://www.vt.edu/>) is located in Blacksburg, VA (<http://www.blacksburg.va.us/>) with a full-time student population of 29,000+ students. The position is located in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, a growing department with over 150 majors (<http://www.aaec.vt.edu/aaec/>). The Department is located in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (<http://www.cals.vt.edu/>) which has nearly 2,000 students in 12 academic departments. Virginia Cooperative Extension, also located within the college, delivers research-based information to the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia through 107 county extension offices, six 4-H educational centers, and 13 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers (<http://www.ext.vt.edu/offices/>).

Application Procedure: Applicants should complete the faculty application online at <https://www.jobs.vt.edu> and submit a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and a list of three references and their contact information, and a statement of teaching philosophy as an attachment. Applicants should send copies of any teaching evaluations and authored agribusiness publications, official academic transcripts and three letters of reference to:

Gordon Groover, Search Committee Chair
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Review of applications will begin June 1, 2009, and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principles of diversity, and in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify Dr. Groover.