



Assistant Professor of Agricultural Business and Economics

Department of Agricultural Sciences

Canyon, Texas

West Texas A&M University, a Member of The Texas A&M University System, invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Agricultural Business and Economics. This is a nine-month, tenure track (100% teaching) position that reports to the Head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences. WTAMU is a four-year academic institution of 7,500 students serving the Panhandle of Texas and portions of four adjacent states. This geographic region is noted for its agricultural production and related businesses. The Department of Agricultural Sciences offers two Bachelor of Science degrees relating to agricultural economics and agribusiness. One B.S. degree is in Agricultural Business and Economics and the other B.S. Degree is in Agribusiness, a joint program with the College of Business. A Master of Science degree is also offered in Agricultural Business and Economics. A Master of Business Administration degree with an Agriculture option is offered by the College of Business. The Department also offers a Ph.D. in Systems Agriculture. More than 150 students are enrolled in the Department's agricultural economics and agribusiness programs with about 500 students enrolled in the Department of Agricultural Sciences.

Qualifications

- Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, agribusiness, or closely related fields.
- Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service.
- Commitment to a systems and interdisciplinary approach to research and educational programs.
- Excellent computer, written and oral communication skills.
- Working knowledge of crop and livestock industries
- Interpersonal skills, vision, and desire to establish working relationships with external constituents.

Responsibilities

- Develop a strong teaching program in the agriculture economics/agribusiness area with emphasis in business and risk management which may include futures, options, and commodity trading.
- Develop and deliver upper level undergraduate and graduate online courses.
- Develop a research program in an area of agriculture economics/agribusiness that will lead to problem solutions for the agribusiness industry of the Texas High Plains with the potential to attract extramural funding.
- Work closely with agribusiness industry leaders in assessing regional teaching, research, and service needs.
- Develop interactive programs with scientists, engineers, and veterinarians in other agencies, universities and the agriculture industry of the Texas High Plains.

Review of applications will begin September 15, 2008 and the search will continue until the position is filled. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Potential for summer salary from teaching and/or extramural research funding is available. Applicants should provide a letter of interest, official transcripts, resume and arrange for at least three letters of reference to be sent to:

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