POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0000-2701
Requisition # 0901071

Title: RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
STEM EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Location: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND
COMMUNICATION
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
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GAINESVILLE, FL  32611-0540

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position open to: Review of applications will begin on July 10, 2012 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month, non-tenure-accruing position in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, assigned 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service). This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The incumbent must secure grant funding to cover 100% of total salary and fringe benefit costs on an annual basis after the initial year of the appointment. No state funds will be provided for this position. In the event that grant funding is not secured as described above, the annual salary will be reduced accordingly. Duties will include leading and contributing to multidisciplinary grant-funded research projects, designing and delivering outreach activities to appropriate stakeholders, and contributing to the Department’s overall goals in scholarship and research. All IFAS faculty members are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the land-grant mission. The successful candidate will engage in scholarly activities related to instruction, including participating in curriculum revision and enhancement, seeking funding for the teaching program, supervising graduate research and creative work as allowed by the position title, publishing teaching-related scholarship, producing learning tools, and engaging in professional development activities related to teaching and advising. Faculty members are encouraged to support and participate in the CALS Honors Program, distance education, and international education. Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty members are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas – teaching, research, and extension – regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.
**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** A Ph.D. degree (foreign equivalent acceptable) in science education, agricultural education, or closely related field with specialized expertise in curriculum design and formal and nonformal education, demonstrated success and/or clear promise in research and grantsmanship, and demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication and collaboration/teamwork. Candidates must have the experience and skills for successful grant collaborations with scientists from a wide range of STEM disciplines and be supportive of the land-grant system and IFAS’s core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability. The successful applicant must have a strong commitment to all functions of the land-grant mission and a proven ability to work effectively with academic colleagues and clientele groups.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Department of Agricultural Education and Communication is a comprehensive academic unit in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research, and extension education programs with 16 faculty members and 12 support personnel located on the Gainesville campus. An additional faculty member directs the department’s off-campus undergraduate program in agricultural education at the UF/IFAS Plant City campus. The departmental web site [http://aec.ifas.ufl.edu](http://aec.ifas.ufl.edu) provides additional information. The University of Florida ([http://www.ufl.edu](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](http://ifas.ufl.edu)) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ([http://cals.ufl.edu](http://cals.ufl.edu)), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station ([http://research.ifas.ufl.edu](http://research.ifas.ufl.edu)), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service ([http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu](http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu)), and the College of Veterinary Medicine ([http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu](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 UF Water Institute was recently created to enhance the cross-campus and external linkages among the more than 250 UF faculty members conducting water-related studies in more than 50 departments and centers. 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, including 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.

The University is located in Gainesville, a city of 125,000, situated in North Central Florida midway between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The city provides a metropolitan atmosphere with many activities sponsored by the local community and University.

**START DATE:** August 16, 2012 or as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/30695](http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/30695) and submit:

- Application
- Cover letter with a statement of interest and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
- Curriculum vita
Complete contact information for three references.

It is required that you request three letters of recommendation on your behalf to be submitted directly to the contact below. These letters may be requested from the individuals listed above. For full consideration the above materials must be received by July 10, 2012. Nomination of candidates is encouraged.

Refer to Position # 0000-2701

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