POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0000-2701
REQUISTION # 0902088

Title: RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
STEM EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Location: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
P.O. BOX 110540
GAINESVILLE, FL 32611-0540

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position open to: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by December 21, 2012. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month, non-tenure-accruing, externally funded 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). Duties will include leading and contributing to multidisciplinary grant-funded projects, designing and delivering outreach activities to appropriate stakeholders, and contributing to the Department’s overall goals in scholarship and research. The successful candidate is expected to develop an extramurally funded program in STEM education and outreach as evidenced by the successful application, management and execution of grants and other fundraising initiatives. The salary of the incumbent for the first year is 100% secured by the unit. Salary for the second year will be funded 50% by the unit with the remaining 50% to be secured by external funding. The salary for years three and thereafter must be secured from external funding sources. In the event funding is not secured as described above, the annual salary will be adjusted accordingly. The successful candidate will engage in scholarly activities related to instruction, supervise graduate research and creative work as appropriate, and publish scholarship in appropriate outlets.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: An earned doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in science (STEM) education, a STEM-related discipline, agricultural education, Extension education or closely related field with specialized expertise in formal and/or 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 19 faculty members and 8 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 provides additional information. 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 50,000 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), the College of Veterinary Medicine (http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu), the Florida Sea Grant program (http://www.flseagrant.org/), 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.

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: February 1, 2013 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/35115 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.

Three letters of recommendation on your behalf must 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 December 21, 2012. Nomination of candidates is encouraged.

Refer to Position # 0000-2701

RETURN INQUIRIES TO: Dr. Brian Myers
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Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” unless it has been sent directly from the issuing institution to UF. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at [http://www.naces.org/](http://www.naces.org/).

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida’s ‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Search committee meetings and interviews will be open to the public, and applications, resumes, and many other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.