POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-2875
REQUISITION # 0901665

Title: Assistant Professor of Forage Breeding/Genetics

Location: Agronomy Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by 12/03/2012. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), available in the Agronomy Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include the development of field and laboratory research leading to the release of improved forage cultivars. Of particular interest is the improvement of tropical and temperate forages with reduced input requirements and enhanced environmental adaptation such as drought resistance, winter hardiness, pest resistance, nutrient use efficiency, and increased spring/fall forage production. Collaboration on germplasm enhancement and cultivar development is expected with interdisciplinary scientists working in the areas of plant breeding, biotechnology, pest management, soil and fertility management, stress physiology, and livestock production. Tenure will accrue in the Agronomy Department (http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu). The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate and graduate education through classroom instruction, chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding to support his/her program. The selected faculty member will be expected to integrate into the UF/IFAS Plant Breeders Workgroup and the UF/IFAS Genetics Institute. It is expected that the incumbent will develop and release cultivars of commodities for which research is being conducted. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area.

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**Qualifications**
An earned doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in forage breeding, plant genetics, or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Background Information:**
The Agronomy Department is a unit in IFAS at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research and extension education programs with 15 state faculty members located on the Gainesville campus, 11 state faculty located across the state at research and education centers, 1 USDA-ARS courtesy faculty and 19 support personnel. Gainesville is an attractive city of about 120,000 in population located in North Central Florida midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico with many nearby lakes and rivers.

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.

**Employment Conditions**
Screening of applicants will begin 12/03/2012 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

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Nominations and Application Information

- Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.
- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/33351 and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant's research interest, teaching philosophy and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Complete Vita
  - Contact information of three references who may be contacted for letters of reference

- Also, official transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree should be sent to:

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