POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT   #0001-3390
Requisition #: 0901677

Title: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Location: FOOD AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
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Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open To: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by January 15, 2013. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month, tenure-accruing position at the rank of Associate Professor which is 60% Research and 40% Teaching (College of Agriculture & Life Sciences) in the Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. Tenure will accrue in the Food and Resource Economics Department. As with all faculty appointments with tenure, any employment offer is contingent upon approval by the UF Board of Trustees. Duties include teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses and developing a research program in the area of agribusiness economics. The faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with their graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program area.

Applicants should possess excellent quantitative and communication skills, and the motivation to work in multidisciplinary teams. Concurrently, the successful candidate will engage in scholarly activities related to instruction, including teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses, advising and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, participating in curriculum revision and enhancement, seeking funding for the teaching program, supervising undergraduate and graduate research and creative work, publishing teaching-related scholarship, producing learning tools, and engaging in professional development activities related to teaching and advising. Faculty 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 are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: An earned doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in agricultural economics or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience and/or experience in teaching agribusiness 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.

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BACKGROUND 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 Food and Resource Economics Department (FRED) has approximately 30 faculty members, 25 support staff positions in Gainesville, and five faculty members and support staff spread across 5 research and education centers throughout the state. FRED faculty teach a wide variety of courses, from agribusiness marketing, to natural resource/environmental economics, to welfare economics and trade theory. FRED averages ~ 400 undergraduate majors/year, and 80-90 M.S., Ph.D. and Master of Agribusiness students. Research and Extension efforts reflect both the needs of the State and the mission of the Agricultural Economics profession.

Nominations
Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to the address below.

HOW TO APPLY: To apply or view the complete position description, qualifications, and application instructions, please visit http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/33367. Online application is required.

Interested persons are also requested to submit the following items: (1) a letter of application including a description of your experience and qualifications related to this position; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) official transcripts of academic work; (4) evidence of any teaching experience; (5) a writing sample; and (6) the names and contact information for three individuals from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. All materials including letters should be sent directly to the address listed below.

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RETURN INQUIRIES TO:
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