POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-3878
REQUISITION # 506429

Title: Assistant Professor of Entomology

Location: Gulf Coast Research and Education Center University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Balm, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by May 15, 2018. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

This is a 12-month tenure-accrueing position that will be 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center and Plant City, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The appointee will develop an independent and nationally/internationally recognized strawberry and small fruit crop entomology program with an emphasis on integrated management of arthropod pests of strawberry. The appointee will develop a strong extramurally funded research program that leads to publishing research in peer reviewed journals and the supervising/mentoring of graduate students. The position is part of an interdisciplinary statewide team of research and extension personnel whose goal is to enhance and sustain the strawberry and small fruit crop industries in Florida. Leadership in planning and implementing statewide extension programs is expected. Extension duties include training extension agents and outreach to commercial berry growers and other industry clientele through the appointee's participation in formal extension programs (in-service training, field days, demonstrations, etc.); the publication of extension articles in IFAS' Electronic Data Information Source (EDIS), newsletters, and other clientele oriented periodicals; and through direct outreach to clientele. Tenure will accrue in the University of Florida, Department of Entomology and Nematology. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the research results with his/her graduate students.

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.

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Qualifications
Required:
A Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in entomology or closely related discipline with a specialization in plant protection is required. Experience with extension duties and pest management in strawberry and small fruit crops, including blueberries, blackberries and raspberries, is desirable. Candidates should possess demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, working cooperatively with others, and acquiring extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system and be committed to IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Preferred:
Postdoctoral experience is desirable.

Background Information:
The Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (http://gcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/) incorporates 20 faculty performing research, extension and teaching duties at Balm (mailing address Wimauma) and Plant City (teaching program). The Balm location is a state-of-the-art research and education center and includes laboratories, 15 greenhouses, approximately four hundred acres of field operations, and modern housing for up to 32 resident graduate students.

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 53,000 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 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (RECs) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 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

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This position is available May 15, 2018, and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

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

Please refer to Requisition # 506429  
Dr. Hugh Smith  
Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
University of Florida  
Gulf Coast Research and Education Center  
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Wimauma, FL 33598

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**Application Information**
- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506429](http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506429) and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Contact information (including email addresses) for 3 individuals willing to write letters of recommendation

Final candidate will be required to provide official transcripts to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an educational 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. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.*