POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-4572
REQUISITION # 0901184

Title: Assistant Professor – Environmental Horticulturist

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

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of applicant materials will begin on September 1, 2012. Position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing 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 (Wimauma FL), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Environmental Horticulture. The position offers opportunities to pursue research and extension activities in environmental horticulture, particularly commercial production, evaluation, and management of plants for human-dominated landscapes. The faculty member will be expected to work closely with county extension faculty to design and deliver educational programs. Extension publications and demonstrations are important aspects of the extension program. Primary research responsibilities will be related directly to homeowner and commercial landscape management practices. Active participation as a faculty member of the Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology (CLCE) is expected. The CLCE is a multidisciplinary unit composed of faculty from Environmental Horticulture (landscape design and management, Florida Friendly Landscaping), Agricultural and Biological Engineering (water specialists), Agricultural Education and Communication (social marketing and program evaluation), Soil and Water Science (chemical fate and transport), Food and Resource Economics (economic impact of the green industry) and Entomology and Nematology (urban pest identification and control. 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 graduate students. Implementation of the Affirmative Action program of the University of Florida is required. 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:** A Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in horticulture, plant ecology, or a closely related field is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding to actively support his/her program. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Background Information:** The University of Florida’s Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (GCREC) is a regional center located near Wimauma, southeast of Tampa, FL. Research and extension programs focus on vegetable and strawberry production and on environmental horticulture (crop production and landscape use). Excellent facilities including office, laboratory, field, shade house and greenhouse space are provided for 18 faculty and numerous support staff and graduate students. A plant diagnostic laboratory aids county extension faculty and local industry in determining plant disease and nutrition problems and solutions.

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:** This position is available November 1, 2012 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 and Applications:** Nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

**Application Information**
Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/31100 and submit the following:

- Application
- a letter of application discussing career goals and satisfaction of the stated qualifications
- a detailed curriculum vitae

Applicants must also submit official academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the Institution to the address below), and three letters of recommendation (letters must be sent directly from the person writing the recommendation to the address below).

All of the above items must be postmarked by the business day after the review date of September 1, 2012.

**Contact Information:**
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