POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Position # 00014726
Requisition # 0806995

Title: Assistant Professor of Gastrointestinal Microbiology

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

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before March 1, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month, tenure-track position in the Department of Animal Sciences, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. The position has a 60% research and 40% teaching assignment. The major duties of the position are to develop and implement a strong research and teaching program in gastrointestinal fermentation microbiology and related subject areas that will benefit the Florida livestock industry. The research focus may include utilization and metabolism of nutrients, anaerobic and aerobic microbiology, or other related disciplines. The faculty member will be expected to recruit and advise graduate students, develop a nationally and internationally recognized research program, publish study results in peer-reviewed journals, and procure extramural funding. The teaching program will include graduate Gastrointestinal Fermentation Microbiology course and may include other courses such as graduate Microbial Physiology or Animal Nutrition and or undergraduate Principles of Animal Nutrition or others considered appropriate. The faculty member will participate in and contribute to extension programs as appropriate including the Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium.

Qualifications
A Ph.D. in Microbiology, Animal Science with emphasis on microbiology or a closely related
discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is highly recommended but not required. Candidates will also have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication and interpersonal relationships. Candidates must be supportive of the tripartite teaching, research and extension mission of the Land-Grant system, and have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Background Information:**
Florida boasts large and vibrant beef, dairy and horse industries that have strong ties to research, teaching and extension programs within IFAS. The Department of Animal Sciences has an emphasis on the forage consuming species, particularly cattle and horses, and their products of meat, milk and power. There are significant strengths in the Department in the areas of physiology, nutrition and meat science that will serve as fertile collaborative potential for the incumbent to this position. The Department also has substantial production-related resources related to cattle production available for use by faculty in research, teaching and extension efforts.

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 48,000 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), 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 April 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**
Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Individuals wishing to apply should visit https://jobs.ufl.edu, search for requisition # 0806995, and submit the following materials:
• Faculty Profile – Short Application
• Letter of application that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above;
• Complete vita (which includes description of current position and responsibilities)

Also, an official transcript documenting awarding of the Master’s degree and PhD degree if completed, as well as at least three letters of reference must be sent directly to the search committee chair.

Review of application materials will begin on or before March 1, 2012 and will continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information

Please refer to Position # 00014726
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