POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-5051
REQUISITION # 500649

Title: Assistant or Associate Professor in Animal Science

Location: North Florida Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Marianna, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by March 3, 2017. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing Assistant or Associate Professor position that has a 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) appointment, located at the Marianna campus of the UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, of the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Animal Sciences Department. The successful candidate’s research will focus on beef cattle reproductive physiology, however genetics/genomics or immunology would also be considered. The successful candidate will function as part of the NFREC Beef/Forage team that includes scientists working in forage breeding, soil nutrient management, forage management and animal nutrition.

Through Extension the incumbent will contribute to county extension efforts involving reproductive methods and general cattle management through in service training, field days, the NFREC Ecosystem Service Training Academy, the Florida Bull Test and other training opportunities. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding to support research and extension programs.

The successful candidate will participate actively in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis, dissertation and undergraduate research, and publishing research results with students. Faculty are encouraged to participate in professional development activities related to teaching and advising and may teach courses and seminars.

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**Qualifications**

**Required:**
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Animal Science or a closely related discipline is required. Candidates must have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication. 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. Candidates must desire to participate in a strong, interdisciplinary team environment at an off-campus Research and Education Center.

**Preferred:**
Postdoctoral experience for the Assistant Professor level is desirable. Practical experience in beef cattle management is also desirable.

**Background Information:**
The North Florida Research & Education Center (NFREC) ([http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu](http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu)) is one of the largest and most diverse off-campus units of UF/IFAS, consisting of campuses in Marianna and Quincy, Florida. There are 14 faculty members stationed in Quincy and 4 faculty members stationed in Marianna. The Marianna campus is a 1,300-acre research and education facility located 50 miles N-NW of Panama City, Florida; 32 miles south of Dothan, Alabama; and 40 miles west of Quincy campus. The Marianna campus houses a 1,000-acre Beef Research Unit with a state-of-the-art Feed Efficiency Unit powered by GrowSafe technology and a beef cattle herd comprised of 300 cows of Angus, Brangus and Braford genetics. The Marianna campus is also the home to the oldest peanut breeding program in the nation. NFREC in Quincy is a 1,000-acre research and education facility located approximately 20 miles west of Tallahassee, Florida. Faculty members commonly use facilities at both campuses. NFREC faculty members represent 10 academic units (forestry, wildlife conservation, environmental horticulture, horticulture, soil and water science, animal science, agronomy, entomology, plant pathology and interdisciplinary ecology). Research programs are collaborative, with a system-based focus on row crop systems, beef/forage production systems, plant breeding, specialty crops, ornamentals and natural resource management. NFREC is characterized by a dynamic population of postdoctoral associates, graduate students, scientific, farm, and administrative staff. This diversity provides a unique setting for transdisciplinary research that ties the NFREC with faculty on the main UF campus, faculty at other Research and Education Centers around the state, as well as state (Florida State University and Florida A&M University) and regional (Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi) universities.

The University of Florida ([http://www.ufl.edu](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](http://ifas.ufl.edu)) includes the College of

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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 (REC) 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
This position is available as soon as a suitable candidate is found and will be filled as soon as that candidate is available, but no later than October, 1 2017. 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:

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Chair, Search and Screen Committee
University of Florida
North Florida Research and Education Center
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Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/500649 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 address) for three professional references

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willing to write letters of recommendation
  o Unofficial transcripts

Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript 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 education 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/.

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.