POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00013640
REQUISITION # 506383

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PALM MYCOLOGY

Location: Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center (FLREC)
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
3205 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by September 1, 2018. Position will remain 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 in the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center (FLREC), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include development of a productive, interdisciplinary, extramurally funded research program with an emphasis on palm diseases caused by fungi. The candidate will need to maintain a global perspective to be ready for the movement and establishment of fungal diseases, including, but not limited to, diseases caused by Fusarium, Ganoderma and members of the Botryosphaeraceae. This may include etiology of emergent diseases, genetic diversity/population genetics of pathogens, epidemiology of diseases, management of diseases, host-pathogen interactions, and microbiome studies (rhizosphere, endophytes, biocontrol). Extension responsibilities will include maintaining and updating education programs for Extension agents, stakeholders and the public on the identification and management of palm diseases, continuation of the FLREC palm school and maintenance of online tools for identifying palm diseases. The incumbent will provide proactive leadership, training, and assistance to county faculty. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Plant Pathology. 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 results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area.

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Faculty are encouraged to participate in professional development activities related to teaching and advising and may teach courses and seminars.

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.

**Qualifications**

**Required:**
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in plant pathology, mycology or a closely related discipline is required. 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. The applicant should have skills in basic plant pathology, mycology, disease management, botany, horticulture, molecular biology, bioinformatics, and/or genomics. Preference will be given to candidates with a strong background in basic and applied mycology on palms.

**Preferred:**
Postdoctoral experience is desirable.

**Background Information:**

The Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center is a unit in the Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research and extension education programs with 18 faculty members located on the Davie campus, and over 20 support personnel. 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 (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

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College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

**Employment Conditions**
This position is available June 1, 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 # 506383
Dr. Brian Bahder
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
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Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center
3205 College Avenue
Davie, FL 33314

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**Application Information**
- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506383](http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506383) 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
  - 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/](http://www.naces.org/).

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