POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00013916

Title: Assistant Professor – Consumer Economics

Location: Family, Youth and Community Sciences
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
PO Box 110310
Gainesville, FL 32611-0310

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before March 15, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 30% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 70% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Family, Youth and Community Sciences Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include major responsibility for the development and implementation of a statewide Extension program, and to conduct original research in consumer economics focused in theory and practice leading to publication in peer reviewed journals and competitive for extramural funding. This position encompasses program areas that specifically relate to consumer behavior in the market place, consumer rights and responsibilities; scams, fraud and deception; consumer legislation, consumer economics issues and banking and credit. The research duties are to develop a strong fundable program related to consumer economics issues. This faculty member will work cooperatively with state and county faculty to incorporate consumer economics into other relevant areas. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences. 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. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.

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Qualifications

An earned doctorate in Consumer Economics or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. 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. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, or be lawfully eligible for employment in the United States.

Background Information:
The Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences has 18 faculty located on the Gainesville campus. Most faculty have at least partial Extension appointments and an increasing number of faculty are involved in the undergraduate and graduate programs. The unit’s sponsored research and Extension activities have generated in excess of $3 million over the course of the past year.

The Department’s mission is to enhance lifelong learning and the personal, social, economic and environmental well-being of diverse individuals, families and communities through state-of-the-art Extension, research, and teaching programs. The department encompasses programs in human nutrition, food safety and health; consumer economics and resource management; individual and family development; youth development; and community development and sustainability. The department engages in collaborative working relationships with Florida A&M, Florida State University, and other public and private universities in the state.

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 January 1, 2007, 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 submit the following materials:
- Letter of application that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above;
- Complete vita (which includes statement of current position and responsibilities);
- Official transcripts of all academic work at the undergraduate and graduate levels including receipt of the doctoral degree;
- Four letters of recommendation including contact information

Review of application materials will begin on or before March 15, 2007, 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 # 0001-3916  
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