TITLE: Research Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology

LOCATION: Everglades Research and Education Center, UF/IFAS
            3200 E. Palm Beach Rd.
            Belle Glade, FL 33430

Position closes: January 2, 2014

Responsibilities: This is a 12-month, full-time, non-tenure-accruing position at the Everglades Research and Education Center (http://erec.ifas.ufl.edu/), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida that will be 70% research, 20% extension, and 10% teaching. The incumbent will also serve as Director of the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program (DDCSP) at the University of Florida. The position is expected to continue through September 1, 2017 and may be extended contingent upon additional funding.

Duties will include:

(1) Develop an internationally recognized research program focusing on human-dimensions of wildlife ecology, wildlife-human interactions in agriculture, and the ecology of wetlands and wading birds. Incumbent will be expected to interact with growers and landowners on wildlife related issues and participate in the Everglades science community.

(2) Serve as Director of the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program Partnership, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. In this capacity, the incumbent will work in partnership with the IFAS Dean for Research to develop, oversee, and coordinate program development and implementation across the five universities of the Partnership. Duties will include publicizing the program, coordinating recruitment, application, and selection of students; helping to arrange research and internship experiences; and teaching online courses. The incumbent will also engage in scholarship related to diversification of the conservation field.

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The faculty member will participate actively in graduate education and research, maintain an extra-murally funded research program, publish widely in the peer-reviewed literature, present results at national and international meetings, and contribute to Center governance through collaborative research and service on committees.

Position assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the department. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions, teaching, research, and extension, of the Land Grant mission.

**Qualifications:** A PhD (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Wildlife Ecology with emphasis on human dimensions in wildlife ecology, human/wildlife interactions in agriculture, and conservation and wetland/wading bird ecology is required, as is experience with prestigious national scholarships and leadership development. Candidates will also have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communications, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. 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:** This Agronomist position is supported by two full-time technicians (one state-supported and one industry-supported). All of the commercial sugarcane currently produced in Florida is grown within the Everglades Agricultural Area and surrounding lands in the south central region of the state that includes Lake Okeechobee and the city of Belle Glade. The Everglades Agricultural Area, located at the southern edge of Lake Okeechobee, is a dynamic, agriculturally diverse region with major production of sugarcane, rice, commercial sod, and winter vegetables (celery, radish, lettuce, sweet corn, etc.). The 12 faculty members located at EREC represent agronomy, entomology, horticulture and plant breeding, plant pathology, and soil science. Approximately 50 additional personnel support EREC faculty research and extension programs. Residential dormitories and housing are available at EREC for graduate students and visiting scientists. The EREC research farm contains 600 acres of Histosols available for field research.

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 17 on-campus academic departments and schools, 13 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 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.

Belle Glade is located west of the metropolitan West Palm Beach area; a region with a population of 1 million, an excellent subtropical climate, exceptional beaches and aquatic sports options, and the cultural advantages of a medium-sized city. Website: http://erec.ifas.ufl.edu

HOW TO APPLY: Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/47643 and submit:
- Application
- letter of application
- a curriculum vitae, with educational background, professional experience, publications, etc.
- names and address of three references who will be forwarding letters of recommendation.

Also, copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts should be sent to the address below.

REFER TO POSITION # RETURN INQUIRIES TO:
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Everglades Research and Education Center
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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

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‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Search committee meetings and interviews will be open to the public, and applications, resumes, and many other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.