POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT  # 0001-3397

Title: Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology

Location: TROPICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS) 18905 SW 280th St Homestead, FL  33031

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open To: Formal Review of applications will begin on December 4, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 70 % extension (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30 % research (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) available in the Department of Plant Pathology, Tropical Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Plant Pathology Department, University of Florida. The successful candidate will provide leadership for the Florida Extension Plant Diagnostic Clinic. This position is to investigate etiology, epidemiology, and management of diseases of subtropical crops, with a primary focus on containerized and field grown, as well as greenhouse and other ornamentals in south Florida. The incumbent also is expected to develop a nationally recognized and externally funded applied research program that supports the development and implementation of plant disease management strategies that are relevant and economically and environmentally desirable. Responsibilities will include chairing graduate committees, advising graduate students and supervising thesis and dissertation research. The incumbent will collaborate with extension and research faculty, extension field staff, and interact with producers and private industry. 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.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: An earned doctorate in Plant Pathology, or a closely related discipline with a strong background in plant diagnostics 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 the IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead is a branch of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. It is a 160-acre center with office, laboratory,
greenhouse, teaching and field plot facilities. Currently there are seventeen faculty members located at the center. The center is located in Miami-Dade County about 30 miles south of metropolitan Miami. Research, teaching, and extension programs focus on tropical and subtropical fruit crops, tropical and temperate vegetable crops, and ornamental crops of southern Florida. The agricultural industry served by the center has an annual farm gate value of $834 million. Multiplier effects make agriculture's impact on the local economy worth over $1 billion annually. Due to the region's humid subtropical climate, TREC is the only state university research center in the continental U.S. focusing on a large number of tropical and subtropical crops.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested persons are requested to submit the following items:

- A letter of application discussing how you meet stated qualifications;
- A detailed curriculum vita;
- Official academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the Institution to the address below);
- Provide the names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone and fax numbers of four individuals from who letters of recommendation may be solicited.
- Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

All of the above items must be postmarked by the closing date of December 4, 2006. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. **Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.**

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**RETURN INQUIRIES TO:**
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