POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #0001-3738

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – WEED SCIENTIST

Location: GULF COAST RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
14625 CR 672
WIMAUMA, FL 33598

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open To: Formal review of applications will begin on March 2, 2007 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position of 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and located at the Gulf Coast 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 Horticultural Sciences Department. The position offers opportunities to pursue research and extension activities in the science of weeds affecting vegetable, strawberry, and ornamental crops.

Primary research duties of this position are to plan, perform, and publish results of investigations on the management, ecology, and biology of weeds important to vegetable, strawberry, and ornamental crops. The incumbent will also be expected to develop weed management systems. Extension duties are to design, implement and deliver extension educational programs including the preparation and delivery of weed management training aids, in-service education for county faculty and information to support vegetable, strawberry, and ornamental industries of Florida. The faculty member is expected to work in cooperation with colleagues at other research and education centers, on campus and county faculty to contribute to the state-wide weed science program. The faculty member will participate in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with 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.

QUALIFICATIONS: An earned doctorate in weed science, horticulture, or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication and 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.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The University of Florida’s Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (GCREC) is a new $16 million regional center located near Wimauma, southeast of Tampa, FL. Research and extension programs focus on vegetable and strawberry production and on environmental horticulture (crop production and landscape use). Excellent facilities including office, laboratory, field, shade house and greenhouse space are provided for 20 faculty and numerous support staff and graduate students. A plant diagnostic laboratory aids county extension faculty and local industry in determining plant disease and nutrition problems and solutions. The University of Florida (UF) is a Land Grant and Sea Grant institution, encompassing the broad scope of academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of over 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and education centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS:
This position is available March 2, 2007 and will be filled 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: (1) A letter of application discussing career goals and satisfaction of the stated qualifications, (2) a detailed curriculum vitae, (3) official academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the Institution to the address below), and (4) three letters of recommendation (letters must be sent directly from the person writing the recommendation to the address below). All of the above items must be postmarked by the closing date of March 2, 2007. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Contact Information & Application Nomination Submission Information:

Please refer to Position # 0001-3738

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