POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-3829

Title:   Assistant Professor
Environmental / Water Economics and Policy

Location:  Food and Resource Economics Department
University of Florida (UF)
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, FL  32611-0240

Salary:  COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open To:  Formal review of applications will begin on April 1, 2007, and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:  This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that carries a 60 % extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 40% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) appointment in the Food and Resource Economics Department (www.fred.ifas.ufl.edu), UF/IFAS. Duties include the implementation of an integrated program of extension and research related to water policy, use and allocation, and issues at the rural/urban interface. Extension and research efforts may also include water quality issues related to the discharge of water from agricultural lands and the impacts of urbanization on water quantity and quality, how water policy is developed, an analysis of policy alternatives, water transfer issues, and the interrelationships between water and land use issues. The faculty member will be expected to work closely with county extension faculty to design and deliver educational programs to include in-service training and appropriate extension publication outlets. Research responsibilities include supervision of graduate students and are expected to result in the procurement of extramural grant funding and generation of refereed publications and publications in other appropriate outlets. Synergy between research and extension programs and collaboration with the School of Natural Resources and Environment (www.snre.ufl.edu), other UF units such as the newly created Water Institute (http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu), and relevant federal, state, and local government agencies is expected. The initial assignment may change over time in accordance with the needs of the unit. 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:  A Ph.D. in natural resource, environmental, or agricultural economics or a closely related field is required. Training or experience directly related to water policy 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.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Food and Resource Economics Department has 28 tenure-line faculty, four non-tenure-line faculty, and 35 support-staff and post-doc positions in Gainesville and eight faculty members and two support staff positions at seven research and education centers throughout the State. Departmental programs reflect the diversity of Florida’s agriculture and natural resource-based industry in a rapidly growing state and encompass agribusiness management, marketing, policy, natural resources and environmental economics, community and rural development, and international trade and development. The Department has approximately 400 upper-division undergraduate majors on campus and an expanding undergraduate enrollment in distance education programs at locations across the State. The graduate program includes Ph.D. and thesis and non-thesis Master’s degree programs, as well as a Master of Agribusiness degree. Current graduate-student enrollment is approximately 85 students.

UF is a comprehensive Land Grant and Sea Grant institution with an enrollment of over 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. IFAS includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. IFAS encompasses 16 academic departments, the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, nine interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers, 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 but managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3,400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2,450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, which is 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.

Gainesville is a city of more than 120,000 people located in north-central Florida, midway between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Thousands of acres of native woodlands, forest and nature preserves, natural springs, beaches, amusement parks, rural communities, and several urban centers are all within a 100 mile-radius.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested persons are requested to submit: (1) a letter of application including a description of your experience and qualifications related to this position; (2) curriculum vita; (3) official transcripts of academic work; (4) a sample of professional writing; and (5) the names and contact information for three individuals from whom you have requested letters of recommendation (to be sent directly to the committee co-chairs). To receive full consideration, all materials must be received by April 1, 2007. Electronic applications will not be accepted. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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