POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT (position #0001-4330)

Title: Assistant Professor – Environmental Agronomist

Location: Agronomy Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before January 10, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), available in the Agronomy 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 the development of a research program focused on plant mechanisms at the cell, organ, and whole-plant levels that influence the utilization of resources, with emphasis on nutrients. Particular emphasis should be given to understanding and describing the processes involved in nitrogen and phosphorous uptake, utilization, and cycling in field and forage crop production systems. One of the goals of the research program will be to provide scientific information and ecosystem understanding for development of best management practices (BMPs) and nutrient management plans for crop production systems where nutrient contamination of water resources is of concern. Close interaction with various federal, state, and regulatory agencies will be expected. The successful candidate will be expected to teach graduate courses in Crop Ecology and Environmental Crop Nutrition. The faculty member will participate actively in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission. Tenure will accrue in the Agronomy Department.

Qualifications
An earned doctorate in Agronomy or a closely related discipline is required. Teaching and 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.

Background Information:
The University of Florida (UF) (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 49,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) (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 3,400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2,450 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, FL. The Agronomy Department (http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu) is a unit of IFAS and has diverse teaching, research, and extension programs with 25 faculty members located on the main campus in Gainesville and 14 faculty located at Research and Education Centers throughout the state.

**Employment Conditions**
This position is available February 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 transcript of all previous academic work showing receipt of the doctoral degree;
- Three letters of recommendation (under separate cover addressed to the Committee Chair)

Review of application materials will begin on or before January 10, 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 #0001-4330 and submit nominations and applications to:

Dr. Kenneth J. Boote  
Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
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Agronomy Department  
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