POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT   #0001-4987

Title:    Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology

Location:   TROPICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER
            UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
            INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
            18905 SW 280th Street
            Homestead, FL  33031-3314
            USA

Salary:   COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position with a 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 40% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) appointment. It is available in the Department of Plant Pathology, Tropical Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, and tenure will accrue in the university’s Plant Pathology Department. The successful candidate will: investigate the etiology, epidemiology and management of diseases of crops that are grown in south Florida with a primary focus on vegetables and ornamentals; develop a nationally recognized research program to develop and implement economically and environmentally sound disease management strategies; obtain extramural funding to support research and extension activities; chair and advise graduate student committees, and supervise thesis and dissertation research; assist the Florida Extension Plant Diagnostic Clinic; interact with and advise producers and private industry; collaborate with research and teaching personnel of the university and other agricultural and botanical institutions in the area. 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 Plant Pathology, or a closely related discipline, is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable, as is experience working on vegetable crops. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relations, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must support the Land-Grant mission and be committed 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 the only land grant facility in the continental U.S. that focuses on tropical and subtropical crops. It is located on 160 acres 30 miles south of metropolitan Miami, has office, laboratory, greenhouse, teaching and field plot facilities, and, currently, 17 faculty members. Research, teaching and extension programs focus on ornamentals, tropical and temperate vegetables, and tropical and subtropical fruits that are grown in southern Florida. The area’s agricultural industry has an annual farm gate value of about $800 million and, with multiplier effects, has an annual impact on the local economy of over $1 billion. Those at the center conduct cooperative work with the University of Miami, Florida International University, the USDA Subtropical Horticultural Research Station, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Montgomery Foundation, and Everglades and Biscayne National Parks.

**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.

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**RETURN INQUIRIES TO:**

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