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Job Information

Title: Assistant Professor-Vegetable Crops Specialist, University of Florida/Institute of Food & Ag Science
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Duties and Responsibilities. This 12-month, tenure-track position is 60% extension and 40% research, available in the Horticultural Sciences Department in Gainesville. The successful candidate is expected to establish an effective statewide research program in vegetable crops management focusing on potato and alternative crops and cropping systems that lead to increased crop diversification and sustainability for vegetable farms in Florida. This faculty member will develop a statewide extension program on potato production/cultivar evaluation and the alternative crops/cropping systems research program.

Qualifications. Ph.D. in horticulture, agronomy, or a closely related plant science discipline. Postdoctoral and/or previous extension experience and participation in interdisciplinary research programs are preferred. Candidates must demonstrate 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 and committed to the IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

Background Information. Research and extension programming can be conducted at the Florida Partnership for Water Agriculture and Community Sustainability (FPWACS) facility in Hastings and at the Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra, both in close proximity to Gainesville. The FPWACS facility serves a three-county area in northeast Florida with annual farm-gate value exceeding \$200 million, 45% from potato and vegetables. The University of Florida (<http://www.ufl.edu>) is a Land-Grant institution, with more than 50,000 students and is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>), is one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research, education and extension organizations, encompassing 15 academic departments on campus, and 13 research and educational centers and 67 Cooperative Extension offices statewide.

Application Procedures. This position is available November 1, 2009, and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Both nominations and applications are welcome. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. For detailed information visit <https://jobs.ufl.edu>, referencing requisition # 0802585. Contact: Dr. Steven A. Sargent, Chair, Search and Screen Committee (sasa@ufl.edu).

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