POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-4268
REQUISITION # 498468

Title: Assistant Professor – Tree Fruit and Grape Extension Specialist

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

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by October 3, 2016. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties And Responsibilities
This is a 12-month, tenure-track position with 60% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 40% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), available in the Horticultural Sciences Department where tenure will accrue. The successful candidate is expected to establish an effective statewide research and extension program in perennial fruit production, physiology, and management, focused on evaluating low-chill stone fruit cultivars, evaluating disease-resistant muscadine and bunch grapes for wine and fresh markets, as well as supporting other specialty tree fruit crops. Establishment of collaborative research with horticulture faculty members in Gainesville, at UF/IFAS Research and Education Centers, Florida A&M University, and across disciplines with university-wide, regional and nationwide faculty is expected. The faculty member will develop an extension program with statewide emphasis on perennial fruit production and applied research for north, central and south Florida focusing on extending research-based information on best management practices for subtropical stone fruit production and to support Florida’s expanding grape and wine industries. Use of traditional and electronic extension programming is essential, including maintaining a vibrant web presence that meets the needs of commercial producers, Master Gardeners, and hobbyists. The incumbent is expected to publish research results in refereed journals, obtain significant grant support for their research and extension programs, and supervise and advise graduate students. Expectations may change in accordance with the needs of the unit and statewide concerns. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land-Grant mission.
Qualifications

Required:
Applicants must have a Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in horticulture, plant sciences, 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 have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Preferred:
Postdoctoral training and/or work experience is preferred.

Background Information:
The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 50,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (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), the Florida Sea Grant program (http://www.flseagrant.org/), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (REC) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 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.

Employment Conditions
This position is available October 15, 2016, 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.

Application Instructions
Applicants must apply on-line at https://jobs.ufl.edu (search for requisition 498468).

In addition, applicants must submit the following materials as a pdf file to Dr. Lincoln Zotarelli at lzota@ufl.edu:

- Curriculum vitae (including statement of current position and responsibilities)
- One-page description of extension philosophy and research interests
- Names and addresses (including email) of five references

**Contact Information and Nomination Submission Information**

Please refer to Position # 0001-4268 and forward all nominations and inquiries to:

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Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
Horticultural Sciences Department  
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University of Florida  
Gainesville FL 32611-0690

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Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at http://www.naces.org/.

*The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida’s ‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.*