POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00017231
REQUISITION # 505240

Title: Assistant Professor - Citrus Integrated Pest Management

Location: Citrus Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Lake Alfred, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by January 2, 2018. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 35% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 65% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Citrus Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The appointee will work as part of a multi-disciplinary state-wide extension team on the development, introduction and implementation of citrus integrated pest management programs. The research component will focus on an area of entomological research expertise that compliments the extension and research needs within the state. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Entomology and Nematology. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. 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.

The successful candidate will participate actively in undergraduate and graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis, dissertation and undergraduate research, and publishing research results with students. Faculty are encouraged to participate in professional development activities related to teaching and advising and may teach courses and seminars.

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**Qualifications**

**Required:**
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Entomology or a closely related discipline is required. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication and interpersonal relationships. 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.

**Preferred:**
Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Ideally, the successful candidate will have experience in agricultural entomology, vector-pathogen interactions, and either experience or a desire to strongly participate in extension service. Demonstrated skills of staff supervision and procurement of extramural funding are highly desirable. Demonstrated ability for future communication and interaction with county faculty, citrus producers (and other crops as needed), Federate and State Regulatory agencies, and private industry clientele is preferred.

**Background Information:**
The CREC is an internationally recognized Center with research, extension, and teaching programs in agricultural and biological engineering, entomology and nematology, food science and human nutrition, horticulture, microbiology and cell science, plant pathology, and soil and water science. The Center has a staff of 250 people comprised of 24 faculty members of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. See the CREC website for more information (http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu).

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 53,000 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

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Employment Conditions
This position is available March 1, 2018, 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
Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

Please refer to Requisition # 505240
Dr. Lukasz L. Stelinski
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
University of Florida
Citrus Research and Education Center
700 Experiment Station Road
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

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Application Information
- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/505240 and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Unofficial transcripts
- Applicants should also request three letter of recommendation be sent directly to the chair of the search & screen committee at the address provided above.

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 the 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.

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