

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #00012993
REQUISITION #0804349**

- Title:** Assistant Professor (Citrus Horticulture)
- Location:** Indian River Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Ft. Pierce, Florida
- Salary:** Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience
- Review Date:** To ensure full consideration please apply online and submit additional material by September 7, 2010. Position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the **Indian River 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 research portion of this assignment should address the issues confronting citrus (especially fresh grapefruit) production on the flatwood soils in the Indian River area. Emphasis should be placed on discovering new or modified cultural or management practices (such as nutrient and irrigation strategies, grove architecture, rootstocks/scions) that effectively enhance citrus production and management of pests and diseases (particularly citrus canker and huanglongbing). Specific extension responsibilities include developing recommendations and programs to accomplish positive changes, and assisting county extension faculty in their citrus production-related extension programs. He/she must be an active leader in the appropriate goals and focus teams and develop an effective advisory committee to insure appropriate program focus. The incumbent will function as a member of the statewide horticultural extension team with program emphasis in the Indian River area including St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, Okeechobee, and Brevard Counties.

The faculty member is expected to interact closely with county extension agents and all disciplines at the Center, which includes agribusiness, soil and water science, environmental toxicology, plant virology, entomology, crop physiology, genetics/plant breeding, and postharvest physiology and handling. Likewise, the incumbent is expected to interact with scientists at other UF/IFAS centers, USDA/ARS facilities, campus departments, and other relevant state agencies. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Horticultural Sciences. The faculty member will participate actively in graduate education by chairing and/or serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation 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. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.

Qualifications

An earned doctorate in Horticultural Sciences or related discipline is required. 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 Indian River Research and Education Center is a unit of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, and is located on a 700-acre site west of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County. Fort Pierce is located on the east coast of Florida, 50 miles north of West Palm Beach. The internationally recognized research center is located in a major agricultural region in which nurseries, citrus, beef cattle, and vegetables are major industries. Presently there are approximately 240,000 acres of citrus produced in the six county Indian River region. The IRREC is an interdisciplinary unit of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Extension Service and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, all of which are administered by IFAS to serve the land grant mission.

The University of Florida (<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 48,000 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>), 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 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 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 September 7, 2010, 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

Both nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

Please refer to Position # **00012993**
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Application Information

Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <https://jobs.ufl.edu> and submit:

- Faculty Profile – Short Application
- Cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
- Resume
- Official transcript showing receipt of the doctoral degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to Dr. Mark Ritenour (see above).

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity and equal access employer. The "government in the sunshine" laws of Florida require that all documents relating to the search process, including letters of application, nomination, and reference, except transcripts, be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.