Oregon State University Extension Service

Job Announcement
Assistant Professor
Academic Teaching/Research Faculty
College of Agriculture Science
Department of Horticulture
Location - Aurora, OR

The College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) invites applications for a full-time, (1.0 FTE) 9-month, tenure track, Assistant Professor position specializing in orchard crops. The funding for this position is: 0.75 FTE funded by the Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Extension Program (ASNREP) and 0.25 FTE is funded by the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station (AES). Two summer months of funding will be provided by the college until tenure is decided. This position will be located at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora, Oregon, with academic home in the CAS Department of Horticulture at OSU. This faculty member will serve producers and the associated industries of orchard crops, tree fruits and nuts, in western Oregon, primarily the Willamette Valley. Hazelnuts are the largest orchard crop and will likely require the largest effort.

Oregon produces 99% of the U.S. hazelnut crop with most of that production coming from about 650 farms in the Willamette Valley. While representing just 5% of the world crop, Oregon hazelnuts have become the global benchmark for inshell excellence, recognized for their large size and distinctive flavor. About 50% of the Oregon hazelnut crop is exported annually. The industry is in a growth mode, with new plantings every year.

The general purpose of the position is to design, develop, implement and evaluate Extension educational programs in the commercial production of tree fruits and nuts in the western Oregon. This includes providing subject matter and program development leadership for growers and related industry people in commercial orchard production including orchard design and establishment, orchard floor management, pest management (insect, disease and weed management), soil fertility and cultural management. It also includes conducting applied research that will help solve problems and/or develop new opportunities related to a variety of production issues. Complementing the Extension program will be non-credit and certificate teaching programs. This position requires regional travel for educational programs, meetings, field visits and applied research.

The mission of ASNREP is to deliver research-based, objective, informal education to help Oregonians solve problems, develop leadership and manage resources. This position contributes to the Food and Farm Systems theme and sustainable agriculture within the Department of Horticulture at OSU.

OSU is committed to practicing and delivery of tools for state-of-the-science integrated pest management. This faculty is responsible for working in tandem with the Integrated Plant Protection Center.

Active and effective communication with staff and key stakeholders is critical to the success of this position and access to wireless services is necessary.

Design, develop, maintain and/or carry out Extension programs to ensure that all people have equal employment opportunities and equal program participation opportunities without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, age, marital status, disability or veteran's status.

Oregon State University’s commitment to student success includes hiring, retaining, and developing diverse faculty to mentor and educate our undergraduate and graduate students from entry through graduation. Our Strategic Plan (http://oregonstate.edu/leadership/strategicplan/phase3) articulates the strategies we believe critical to advancing and equalizing learner success. The College of Agricultural Sciences is likewise committed to success of all learners accessed through its Extension and Outreach programs.

CAS faculty are committed to enhancing student success by engaging students in quality academic, research, internships, global studies and other experiential learning opportunities. Positions with primary responsibility for Extension and Outreach are likewise committed to learner success through programming appropriate for diverse audience.

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