Please see below announcement.

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Subject: Fruit Horticulturist position

Dear Dr. Baird,

We are recruiting a Fruit Horticulturist for Virginia Tech's Alson H. Smith, Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Winchester, VA (http://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/ason-h-smith). Some of the relevant information from the on-line posting is copied below, including application instructions. We would be most appreciative if you would make this opportunity known to any qualified and interested individuals at your institution.

Best regards,
Chris Bergh
Professor of Entomology and Search Committee Chair
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We seek a fruit horticulturist to develop integrated research and extension programs that will support and improve the productivity and profitability of Virginia fruit producers. The position will emphasize apple and stone fruits, but may involve other fruit crops relevant to Virginia as opportunities and funding permit. This is a 12-month tenure-track position that will comprise 50% research and 50% extension responsibilities. The appointee will be expected to develop a nationally recognized research program that is responsive to stakeholder needs, supported by extramural funding, and that encompasses an appropriate balance of applied and basic projects that might include:

- Environmental and plant based constraints to crop quality and yields (e.g. biotic and abiotic constraints; protected culture/season extension systems; advanced orchard design and management systems; organic production options)
- Optimal and predictable annual yields (e.g. plant growth regulator evaluation; physiological and cellular mechanisms underlying flower and fruit thinning; pre-harvest fruit drop management; refinement of tree carbohydrate balance models to help predict chemical crop thinning performance)
- Fruit crop diversification (e.g. cultivar evaluation, including those for value-added products such as hard cider)
- Water, nutrient and/or floor vegetation management
- Post-harvest physiology and storage
- Collaborative, multi-state, interdisciplinary projects (e.g. plant pathology, entomology)

Review of applications will begin on 11/16/15. Applicants should complete the faculty application online at https://www.jobs.vt.edu (posting #TR0150139) and include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a brief statement of research, teaching and/or extension and the names of three references with complete contact information.

Inquiries should be sent to:
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