Job Announcement
Assistant Professor of Practice
Dept. of Crop and Soil Science
Location - Marion County

The Department of Crop and Soil Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University invites applications for a part-time (.75 FTE), 12-month, fixed-term Assistant Professor position. Reappointment is at the discretion of the program director. This position will be located in Salem, Oregon and will serve Marion County.

Current and rising interest from consumers and food-oriented businesses in locally and sustainably produced food is creating high-value markets for small farms and economic development for communities.

A growing number of small-scale farmers are responding to these opportunities and need training and applied research on alternative methods of crop production, marketing, business and financial management, certifications and regulations, and other aspects of managing their products from field to plate.

In addition, for communities there are economic development opportunities related to adding value to locally grown foods. Community leaders and new food businesses need guidance and technical assistance on small-scale processing, distribution, regulatory compliance, business planning and viability, and other elements of long-term sustainability.

This position will work on agricultural plant and soil science in small-scale farming with an emphasis on agronomic cropping systems such as forage-based and specialty grain production systems. This position will also work with local government and community-based organizations to enhance economic development through supporting creation and expansion of local food-oriented businesses. Funding opportunities exist for this to be a full-time position depending on applicant skills and interest.

As part of the Small Farms Program, this position is designed to address local needs plus contribute to and integrate with the current small farms faculty thereby increasing the position’s impact. This position will be able to draw on the expertise of the Small Farms Program team, the statewide Small Farms and Food Systems specialists, and other OSU faculty to bring other expertise to their regions.

Active and effective communication with staff and key stakeholders both in person as well as through electronic media is critical to the success of this position.

College of Agricultural Sciences 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. This faculty member will design, develop, maintain and/or carry out Extension and research programs to insure that all people have equal employment opportunities and equal program participation opportunities regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, age, marital status, disability, or veteran’s status.

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