POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-2988
REQUISITION # 492414
(Previously posted under requisition # 0908533)

Title: Assistant Professor in Turf & Ornamental Entomology

Location: Entomology & Nematology Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by July 31, 2015. The 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 60% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), 30% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), and 10% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), available in the Entomology & Nematology Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include: Extension - 1) develop and implement an effective statewide Extension education program to support the turfgrass and ornamental landscape plant industries, 2) actively work in concert with county, state and other Extension specialists on inter-disciplinary Extension teams, 3) develop rigorous in-service training for county faculty on the principles, technologies and current research in landscape pest management, 4) author publications on effective pest suppression techniques, particularly those that promote sustainable and safe IPM approaches for the industry and homeowners, 5) assist with landscape diagnostic services for county faculty, industry and the general public, and 6) provide support to the pesticide applicator training program. Research – Conduct and publish original applied research addressing the needs of the turfgrass and ornamental plant industries. Teaching - The successful candidate will participate actively in scholarly activities related to instruction, including teaching a course in his or her area of specialization, chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising undergraduate and graduate research and creative work, and publishing with his/her graduate students. Participation

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in curriculum revision and enhancement, seeking funding for the teaching program, and publishing teaching-related scholarship are encouraged. Faculty are also encouraged to support and participate in the CALS Honors Program, distance education, and international education.

Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

**Qualifications**
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Entomology or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral research is desirable. A demonstrated ability to work effectively with clientele groups and experience with turf and landscape pests are preferred. 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 Entomology and Nematology Department ([http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/](http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/)) has diverse teaching, research, and extension programs with 32 faculty members located on main campus in Gainesville and 38 faculty located at 11 Research and Education Centers throughout the state.

The University of Florida ([http://www.ufl.edu](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 50,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences ([http://ifas.ufl.edu](http://ifas.ufl.edu)) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ([http://cals.ufl.edu](http://cals.ufl.edu)), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station ([http://research.ifas.ufl.edu](http://research.ifas.ufl.edu)), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service ([http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu](http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu)), the College of Veterinary Medicine ([http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu](http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu)), the Florida Sea Grant program ([http://www.flseagrant.org/](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 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**

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This position is available January 1, 2016, 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 # 492414
Phil Koehler
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
University of Florida
Entomology & Nematology Department
Steinmetz Hall
1881 Natural Area Drive
Gainesville FL 32611-0620

Telephone: 352-392-2484
Facsimile: 352-846-1500
Electronic Mail: pgk@ufl.edu

**Application Information**

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [https://jobs.ufl.edu](https://jobs.ufl.edu) (search for requisition # 492414) and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Statement of Extension and research interests (attach as ‘other document’)
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Names and contact information (email address and phone number) of three individuals you will be requesting letters of recommendation from
  - Unofficial transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree (attach as ‘additional document’)

- Also, three letters of recommendation should be sent to:

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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 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.