Title: Assistant Professor (Nematology)

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 August 7, 2015. 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% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), available in the Entomology & Nematology department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The incumbent will specialize in the study of molecular interactions between nematodes, plants, and/or microbial symbionts/pathogens for improved pest management. Opportunities exist to participate in interdisciplinary research teams that include applied nematologists studying biological control, cropping systems, and population dynamics, and specialists in plant pathology, horticulture, agronomy, and soil and water science, among others. The faculty member will actively seek extramural funding to develop and support internationally recognized research and teaching programs. Tenure will accrue in the Entomology & Nematology department.

The successful candidate will participate actively in scholarly activities related to instruction, including teaching an undergraduate introductory nematology course and a graduate course in
their area of specialization, chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising undergraduate and graduate research and creative work, publishing the results with his/her graduate students, participating in curriculum revision and enhancement, seeking funding for the teaching program, publishing teaching-related scholarship, producing learning tools, and engaging in professional development activities related to teaching and advising. Faculty are 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 nematology, plant pathology or a closely related discipline is required. Modern molecular skills to address soil ecological interactions are required. Postdoctoral experience is highly 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 Department of Entomology and Nematology (http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/) has diverse teaching, research, and extension programs with 32 faculty members located on main campus in Gainesville (including 3 nematologists) and 38 faculty located at 11 Research and Education Centers throughout the state (with an additional 3 nematologists).

The University of Florida (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) 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), the Florida Sea Grant program (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**

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 # 492415
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Chair, Nematology Search and Screen Committee
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Entomology & Nematology Department
PO Box 110620
Gainesville FL 32611-0620

Telephone:  (352) 273-3941
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**Application Information**

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [https://jobs.ufl.edu](https://jobs.ufl.edu) (search for requisition # 492415) and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Names and contact information (email address and phone number) of three individuals who may be contacted to provide letters of recommendation

- Three letters of recommendation and unofficial transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree should be sent to:
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/](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.*