POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-3344
REQUISITION # 492417

Title: Eminent Scholar (Davies, Fischer and Eckes Endowed Chair)

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 December 6, 2015. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenured position involving 80% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 20% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) available in the Entomology & Nematology Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. The tenure home will be in the Entomology & Nematology Department. This is an Endowed Chair position with a current endowment of $2.3 million. The Eminent Scholar will have access to a portion of the interest generated by the endowment for program support. The major research emphasis will be to investigate and develop novel citrus pest management solutions using modern molecular and/or genomic tools. Areas of expertise may include biological control, host-plant resistance, invertebrate pathology, toxicology, or host-symbiont interactions, with the goal of improving control of arthropod pests of citrus. Duties will include developing an internationally recognized research program funded with significant extramural funding and disseminated in high-impact journals. 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 the results with his/her graduate students. Participation in curriculum revision and enhancement, seeking funding for the teaching program, and publishing teaching-related scholarship is encouraged. Faculty are also encouraged to support and participate in the CALS Honors Program, distance education, and international education.

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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. Thus, the faculty member is expected to support Extension activities related to citrus pest management, as is appropriate.

**Qualifications**

A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Entomology, or a closely related discipline, is required. Applicants should have attained Associate or Full Professor status, or its equivalent if not currently in academia, and have significant national and international recognition in their field. The successful candidate will have a track record of publications in top journals, along with an independently established research program with significant evidence of success in obtaining extramural funding. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, and interpersonal relationships. 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 at the University of Florida is one of the premier departments for both entomology and nematology in the United States. There are 32 faculty located in the department on campus, and 38 faculty housed at Research and Education Centers (RECs) located around the state. The department is part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) of the University of Florida, Florida’s Land-Grant University. As such, the department’s faculty typically have their appointments split among research, extension, and teaching. The mission of the Entomology and Nematology Department is: “To be a world leader in entomology and nematology by conducting superior research, delivering quality teaching, and extending knowledge to improve agriculture, the environment, and human health and well-being.”

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

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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 # 492417
Dr. Norman Leppla
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
University of Florida
Entomology & Nematology Department
Steinmetz Hall
1881 Natural Area Drive
Gainesville FL 32611-0620

Telephone: (352) 273-3951
Facsimile: (352) 392-0190
Electronic Mail: ncleppla@ufl.edu

**Application Information**

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [https://jobs.ufl.edu](https://jobs.ufl.edu) (search for requisition # 492417) and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Statement of research and teaching interests
  - Curriculum vitae, including the names and contact information for three people that will provide letters of recommendation

- Unofficial transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree and 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.