POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00014715
REQUISITION # 492410
(Previously requisition # 0908672)

Title:  Assistant Professor, Citrus Plant Pathologist

Location:  Citrus Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Lake Alfred, Florida

Salary:  Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date:  For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by August 15, 2015. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 80% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 20% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) available at the Citrus Research and Education Center (CREC), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. We are searching for a plant virologist who can contribute to the development of methods to identify viruses and other graft-transmitted diseases of citrus, investigate the causes of citrus tree declines, determine the ability of potential vectors to transmit causal agents, and develop disease management strategies. The extension program should complement the research program, focusing on the translation of the research into the disease management needs of producers and other stakeholders. Leadership in statewide extension programs and programming is expected. Opportunities to interact with programs from a wide range of disciplines represented at the CREC include plant pathology, horticulture, soil and water science, entomology and nematology, food and resource economics, agricultural and biological engineering, food...
science and human nutrition, and microbiology and cell science. The faculty member will be expected to participate actively in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with graduate students. The faculty member will actively seek contract and grant funding to support his/her program. Due to the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty members 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. Tenure will accrue in the Plant Pathology Department.

Qualifications
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in plant pathology or a closely related discipline is required. Demonstrated experience with plant virology is expected. Postdoctoral, integrated disease management, extension programming, and procurement of extramural funding experiences are desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication as well as professional 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 successful candidate will be located at the Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL which is between Orlando and Tampa. The CREC is an internationally recognized research center with research, extension, and teaching programs in agricultural engineering, biotechnology, breeding and genetics, horticulture, economics, entomology and nematology, food science, plant pathology, plant physiology, and soil science. Collaborative programs exist in water management and postharvest physiology. The Center has a staff of 225 people comprised of 22 faculty members of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. See the CREC website for more information (http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu).

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 will be filled as soon 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 # 492410  
Dr. Megan Dewdney  
Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
University of Florida  
Citrus Research and Education Center  
700 Experiment Station Road  
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

Telephone: (863) 956-8651  
Facsimile: (863) 956-4631  
Electronic Mail: mmdewdney@ufl.edu

**Application Information**

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://jobs.ufl.edu](http://jobs.ufl.edu) (search for requisition # 492410) and submit:  
  - Application  
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above  
  - Curriculum vitae

- Have official 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 transcripts 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.