POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #00013954

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Location: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HORTICULTURE
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32611

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Closing Date: August 10, 2007 or until filled

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Department of Environmental Horticulture is accepting applications for a tenure-accruing position in Landscape Management. This position will be 70% teaching and 30% research. The incumbent will lead the Landscape Management teaching program and be responsible for teaching ‘Landscape Plant Establishment’; co-teaching ‘Landscape and Turfgrass Management’, and developing courses in ‘Landscape Construction’ and ‘Landscape Contracting’. Courses taught by the individual may be designed to prepare students for industry certifications. The incumbent will be expected to mentor a team of students that compete in national landscaping competitions. The individual will join our undergraduate teaching team in providing a quality, student-centered educational program for Landscape Management. The individual will interact with faculty and students involved in our Restoration Ecology, Landscape and Nursery Horticulture, and Turfgrass Management specializations. Supplementary teaching assignments may be added to meet programmatic needs, including joint teaching efforts with other UF colleges.

The incumbent will lead the development of our 35-acre Landscape Management Teaching laboratory and will build relationships within the landscaping industry. Recruitment and advisement of graduate students is expected. The externally-funded research program should emphasize the establishment, growth and physiology of plants in the landscape and lead to development of environmentally sound landscape management practices for Florida students, residents and commercial maintenance personnel. Greenhouses, growth rooms and outdoor laboratory space are available for teaching and research programs. The incumbent is expected to publish research and teaching related information through scientific, commercial, and popular publications and attend professional meetings.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have a Ph.D and a strong background in landscape management horticulture, environmental physiology, plant science, or related disciplines. Prior career and teaching experience in or an aptitude for landscape management or landscape construction would be extremely beneficial.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The University of Florida (UF) is a Land-Grant and Sea Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of over 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS but managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 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.

Gainesville is an attractive city, located midway between the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. The University of Florida is one of three institutions in the United States that has essentially every recognized college on a central campus. Enrollment is over 48,000 with particular emphasis on upper division and graduate level programs.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** For full consideration, individuals interested in applying must submit the following materials:

- A letter of application discussing how the candidate meets the stated qualifications
- A statement of teaching and research philosophy
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- Official academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to the address below).
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.

All materials must be postmarked on or before August 10, 2007.

**Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.**

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**RETURN INQUIRIES TO:**

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