POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #00014010

Title: Assistant Professor Human Development: Intergenerational Approaches for Healthy Families and Communities

Location: Family, Youth and Community Sciences
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before July 5, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month, tenure-accruing position that will be 30% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 70% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences, 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 providing leadership for programs focused on intergenerational strategies to strengthen families and communities. The incumbent of this position will work in collaboration with state Extension faculty with other areas of expertise (i.e., nutrition, food safety, housing, consumer economics, youth development, community development, and non-profit agency development) as appropriate, and county Extension faculty to establish intergenerational programs to address critical issues in personal, family, and/or community health issues, and conduct collaborative research on programming needs and program effectiveness. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission (teaching, research, and extension).

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Qualifications
An earned doctorate in Human Development, Family Studies, Gerontology, Psychology, Adult education, or a closely related discipline is required. Having training and experience related to gerontology is 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 Family, Youth and Community Sciences is a unit in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research and extension education programs. The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant and Sea-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 48,000 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), 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 and 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.

The Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences (FYCS) has 20 faculty members and is located at the Gainesville campus. The interdisciplinary FYCS program is an undergraduate major with enrollment of over 300 students. The growing graduate program offers a masters’ degree that attracts both UF graduates and students from other institutions while supporting the university’s commitment to increasing graduate enrollment. The unit’s sponsored research, and Extension activities have generated in excess of $3 million over the course of the past year. The Department’s mission is to enhance lifelong learning and the personal, social, economic and environmental well-being of diverse individuals, families and communities through state-of-the-art Extension, teaching and research programs. The department encompasses programs in family development; human nutrition; 4-H and youth development; community development and sustainability; food safety and health; housing; consumer economics and resource management. The department engages in collaborative working relationships with Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and other public and private universities in the state, region and nation.

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Other Information
Gainesville is an attractive city of over 120,000 persons located in north central Florida, midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The Greater Gainesville area enjoys excellent health services, high quality school systems, numerous cultural and recreational offerings, and sports events.

Employment Conditions
This position is available beginning August 1, 2007 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 and Applications
Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Individuals wishing to apply should submit the following materials:
- Letter of application that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above;
- Complete vita (which includes statement of current position and responsibilities);
- Official transcript showing receipt of the doctoral degree;
- Three letters of recommendation

Review of application materials will begin on or before July 5, 2007 and will continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information
Please refer to Position # 00014010
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