POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00014060

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Location: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS) P.O. BOX 110540 GAINESVILLE, FL 32611-0540

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position open to: Review of applications will begin on August 1, 2007 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, assigned 70% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 30% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station). This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will be in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication.

Duties will include (1) teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in agricultural communication and leadership development; (2) advising undergraduate and graduate students; (3) planning and conducting a high-quality, productive research program; and (4) contributing to the Department’s overall goals in scholarship and research. The faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will actively seek contract and grant funding to support his/her program.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: An earned doctorate with an emphasis in agricultural communication, mass communications, journalism, or closely related discipline is required. Experience and formal study is desired in one or more of the following areas: public relations, marketing, web/digital media, and organizational communication. Demonstrated effectiveness or clear promise in research and teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels is required. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, collaboration/teamwork, interpersonal communication, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the land-grant system and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences’ core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability. The successful applicant must have a strong commitment to teaching and research and a proven ability to work effectively with academic and professional colleagues and students. Previous professional experience within a communication context is strongly preferred.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Department of Agricultural Education and Communication is a comprehensive academic unit in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research, and extension education programs with thirteen faculty members, two courtesy faculty members, and 10 support personnel located on the Gainesville campus. An additional faculty
member is located at the IFAS Plant City campus and directs the department’s new off-campus undergraduate program in agricultural education. The departmental web site http://aec.ifas.ufl.edu provides additional information. 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), and 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 UF Water Institute was recently created to enhance the cross-campus and external linkages among the more than 250 UF faculty members conducting water-related studies in more than 50 departments and centers. 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 University is located in Gainesville, a city of 125,000, situated in North Central Florida midway between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The city provides a metropolitan atmosphere with many activities sponsored by the local community and University.

START DATE: September 3, 2007, or as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested persons must submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, official transcripts of all university work, and complete contact information for four references. Letters of recommendation will be requested at a later date. For full consideration the above materials must be received by August 1, 2007. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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