POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #00014402

Title: ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (SOIL AND WATER SCIENCE)

Location: INDIAN RIVER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
FT. PIERCE, FLORIDA

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position available: October 1, 2007

Position Open: September 17, 2007 or until filled

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The University of Florida, Indian River Research and Education Center (IRREC), invites applicants for a 12-month Assistant/Associate Professor position (70% teaching, 30% research), with tenure accruing in the Department of Soil and Water Science.

The faculty member will actively participate in the Soil and Water Science Department’s distance education undergraduate and graduate programs by developing and teaching courses in soil, water, and environmental science. These programs include the interdisciplinary BS degree in Environmental Management, the MS degree in Environmental Science, and other degrees that may be developed and offered in the future. The incumbent will also work closely with local community colleges to recruit top students into the undergraduate Environmental Management program. In addition to working with undergraduate students, the faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by chairing graduate committees, 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 her/his research program related to soil, water, and/or environmental science; ideally related to her/his teaching program. The faculty member is expected to interact closely with faculty members in other disciplines at the IRREC, with Soil and Water Science faculty in Gainesville and other UF/IFAS centers throughout Florida. Interaction with State and Federal agencies is encouraged, as well as international activities.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. in a field related to soil, water, or environmental science is required. Practical classroom and research experience is desirable, especially with regards to working with undergraduate and graduate students. Familiarity with delivery of distance education courses is preferred. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land 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://vetmed.ufl.edu), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and education centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida’s 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe.

The Indian River Research and Education Center (http://www.irrec.ifas.ufl.edu) is an interdisciplinary unit of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS). It is located on a 700-acre site west of Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County), 50 miles north of West Palm Beach. The major agricultural/horticultural industries within the region include nurseries, citrus, beef cattle, and vegetables. Portions of the area are also transitioning from agricultural to urban uses.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit: (1) a formal letter of application including a description of experience and qualifications related to this position; (2) a complete curriculum vitae, including publication and extra mural funding lists; and (3) have three letters of reference (addressing the applicant’s qualifications for the position) sent to Dr. Chris Wilson, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, University of Florida, IFAS, IRREC, 2199 South Rock Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945-3138. Applicants are encouraged to fill out an Applicant Data Card in an effort to collect the demographics of applicant pools. The Applicant Data Card is accessible at http://www.hr.ufl.edu/job/datacard.htm. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

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Additional information about the center is available at http://www.irrec.ifas.ufl.edu.

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity, equal access employer. The “government in the sunshine” laws of Florida require that all documents relating to the search process, including letters of application/nomination and reference, excerpt transcripts, be available for public inspection.