POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00014413

Title: Assistant Professor, Urban Landscape Design for Environmental Sustainability

Location: Environmental Horticulture Department
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 August 10, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 70% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Environmental Horticulture Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include Extension focuses on best management practices for urban landscapes. Programming can include environmentally-focused design and management in residential and urban landscapes as well as in more naturalized urban and suburban landscapes. The incumbent will provide leadership, training and assistance to county faculty and will develop an effective advisory committee to ensure appropriate program focus. The successful applicant’s teaching and extension programs are expected to contribute to interdisciplinary approaches focusing on the sustainability of urban environments. The incumbent will be a member of the Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology. The Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology, a newly created interdisciplinary center, is comprised of affiliated statewide research and extension faculty working to protect and preserve Florida’s natural resources and quality of life through interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach (http://clec.ifas.ufl.edu/).

Primary teaching responsibilities include the undergraduate course Residential Landscape Design and co-teaching an interdisciplinary undergraduate course, Urban Landscape Sustainability, which emphasizes urban landscape design, plant selection, installation and management. The person would also be expected to develop a graduate level specialty course and participate in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with their graduate students. It is expected that the individual will obtain extramural funding for their teaching and

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extension programs. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.

**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** PhD in horticulture, botany, landscape design or related field, or a Masters degree in Landscape Architecture (MLA). The applicant must demonstrate the potential to obtain competitive extramural funding. Evidence of flexibility in teaching and extension to serve the University of Florida’s evolving programs in the development and management of sustainable urban landscapes with enhanced ecological function are essential. Demonstrated scholarly activities in research and extension are desired. Skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding are desirable. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to the IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Background Information:** The University of Florida ([http://www.ufl.edu](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](http://ifas.ufl.edu)) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ([http://cals.ufl.edu](http://cals.ufl.edu)), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station ([http://research.ifas.ufl.edu](http://research.ifas.ufl.edu)), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service ([http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu](http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu)), the College of Veterinary Medicine ([http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu](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.

**Employment Conditions**
This position is available August, 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);

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• Official transcript showing receipt of the doctoral degree;
• List of five references with addresses
• Outline of teaching and extension interests.

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**Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information**

Please refer to Position # 00014413
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