Marion County, a growing area in central Florida of 315,000 residents and a strong 4-H program with 1,200 members in 45 traditional clubs is seeking an individual with skills in education and Animal Science. The agent will assume responsibility for 4-H programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources to include educational efforts in livestock, horticulture and associated judging teams. The faculty member will utilize a citizen advisory committee to determine program focus and educational needs in Marion County. The agent will plan, develop, implement, evaluate and report on programmatic efforts. The incumbent will follow all University of Florida and Marion County policies and procedures and other duties as assigned by the Marion County Extension Director.

The agent will also work as part of an office team to address 4-H camping programs, the local 4-H Foundation, the Southeastern Youth Fair, the County 4-H Farm and School Enrichment Education Programs. The agent must work with another 4-H agent to share responsibility for local clubs (50%), the 4-H Program Advisory Committee and the monthly newsletter.

Marion County is located in north central Florida, 35 miles south of the University of Florida. The area is known for the Ocala National Forest, Silver Springs and numerous horse farms. A Bachelor’s degree is required. Degrees considered for this position include youth development, animal science, agriculture education and related areas. A Master’s degree is preferred. Practical experience in youth and Extension education as well as working with volunteers, youth and parents is desirable. The successful candidate must agree to establish residency in Marion County within six months of employment and must successfully pass a national background check.