

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Assistant/Associate Professor

Location: Department of Statistics
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: To ensure full consideration please apply online and submit additional materials by February 15, 2011. Position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities:

This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), 50% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), and 20% service, available in the **Department of Statistics**, 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 teaching, collaborative research with students and faculty, and consulting.

Tenure will accrue in the Department of Statistics. 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. With a 30% teaching appointment, the faculty is expected to teach two courses each academic year, one or both of which could be distance courses, and to serve on graduate student committees, both within and outside the department. 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. The primary service component is service consulting for graduate students and faculty within IFAS. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.

Qualifications

An earned doctorate in Statistics or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience 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.

Applicants for assistant professor must show promise of excellence in scholarly research and teaching. Applicants for associate professor must have demonstrated excellence in scholarly research and teaching. A strong interest in collaborative research is essential. Statistical research interests that meet the needs of one or more areas of IFAS research are important. These include modern computational statistics including bioinformatics, statistical genetics, spatial statistics, Bayesian inference, nonparametric and smoothing methods, multivariate methods, survey design and analysis, ecological modeling and environmental statistics, and linear and generalized mixed model analysis. Opportunities abound for interdisciplinary research in the life sciences, genomics, environmental sciences, engineering, and other areas, and faculty member often develop new research interests in response to these research needs.

Background 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>), 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.

Employment Conditions

This position is available **July 1, 2011** 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

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <https://jobs.ufl.edu>, search for requisition # 0807097 and submit:
 - Faculty Profile – Short Application
 - Cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, including statement of teaching and research goals.
 - Resume
- Official transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to: George Casella, Chair, Search Committee, University of Florida, IFAS – Statistics, PO Box 110339, Gainesville, FL 32611-0339.

Review of application materials will begin on or before **February 15, 2011**, 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 Requisition # **0807097**

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