

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #0001-2965

Title: Assistant Professor of Forest Pathology

Location: School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC)
University of Florida (UF)
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
PO Box 110410
Gainesville, FL 32611-0410

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Position Open To: Formal review of applications will begin on February 24, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a full-time (12-month), tenure-accruing position in the SFRC with responsibilities in research (60% - Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and extension (40% - Florida Cooperative Extension Service). This assignment may change over time. The incumbent is expected to develop a strong, extramurally funded research program in areas of forest pathology and integrated forest health protection based on local/regional needs and priorities. Extension education responsibilities include developing and coordinating a sustained, state-wide forest health management program in coordination with state and federal agencies. The research and extension programs should create, integrate, synthesize, and communicate biological, cultural, and environmental information needed to minimize adverse effects of forest diseases and other factors affecting forest health. 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 graduate students. Active participation in professional and/or scientific societies and SFRC, IFAS, and UF committees is expected, as is involvement in undergraduate and graduate teaching.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: An earned Ph.D. in forest/plant pathology, forest health sciences or a closely related field and demonstrated interest and expertise in forest health are required. A strong background in silvicultural management, forest entomology, fire ecology, environmental influences, and postdoctoral experience are desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication in English, interpersonal relationships, independent and multi-disciplinary research, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system, and have a commitment to UF/IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability. Candidates should have demonstrated interest in collaborating with colleagues within academia, as well as professionals in government and private organizations, and be able to work within the U.S.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Forests are the dominant land-use in Florida. The State's 16 million forested acres, comprising a wide diversity of ecosystems and ownerships, contribute more than \$16 billion annually to Florida's economy while providing critical environmental services. Diseases and other biotic and abiotic factors negatively affect Florida's forest resources, limiting productivity and impacting forest values and functions.

The SFRC (www.sfrc.ufl.edu) is located in Gainesville, a culturally diverse community in north central Florida. The School has teaching, research, and extension education programs with 35 faculty members, 30 affiliate and courtesy faculty, and 200 students. Educational programs are offered at the main campus in Gainesville, as well as at the research and education centers in Milton and Plant City. The School administers the nearby 2000 acre Austin Cary Memorial Forest and enjoys excellent working relationships with federal, state, industry, and private forest land owners across the state.

The University of Florida is a Land-Grant and Sea-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of over 49,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (www.ifas.ufl.edu) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, 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 but managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, including 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.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applications must include: 1) letter of application, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) transcripts of all college work, 4) samples of publications, and 5) names and contact information for four references. For full consideration all application materials must be received by February 24, 2006. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Refer to Position #0001-2965

Return inquiries and applications to:

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