



**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Title: Assistant Professor in Sustainable Horticulture

Responsibilities: This is a 12-month, tenure-track academic appointment in the Department of Horticulture (<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Horticulture/>) as an Assistant Professor. This position will consist of 80% research and 20% teaching.

Description: The department has an emphasis on research into sustainable and organic horticulture on all levels, and seeks applicants with research expertise in an area germane to sustainable horticultural systems. The successful candidate will have or establish a research program that complements and enhances existing departmental strengths, with an emphasis on basic to applied research approaches working in a systems-level context. For example, appropriate research areas would include, but not be limited to, plant metabolism, plant microbe interactions, nutrient acquisition, cell wall biology, soil quality, plant productivity, and organic farming systems. The successful candidate will contribute to departmental teaching by participating in undergraduate/graduate student advising, and contribute to novel course and curriculum development within the Horticultural (<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Horticulture/>), Sustainable Agriculture (<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/sustainableag/>), or Agricultural Biotechnology (<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Biotechnology/welcome.html>), undergraduate programs. The person occupying this position will administratively report to the Chair of the Department of Horticulture, but will be expected to coordinate with the Curriculum Committee on teaching-related matters and with faculty and staff on research-related matters.

Qualifications: The minimum qualification for this position is a PhD degree in Horticulture (or a closely related field) with post-doctoral experience. A productive record of interdisciplinary research and procurement of external research funds is desirable, as is evidence of teaching experience. Candidates should possess interpersonal skills that facilitate working with a variety of audiences including faculty, students, staff, administrators, and the general public. Excellent oral and written communication skills, organizational skills, and a commitment to high-quality undergraduate education and inclusivity and diversity are required.

Salary and Fringe Benefits: Salary is competitive. A 403-B retirement plan and group health and life insurance are available.

Application: Screening of applicants will begin January 2, 2012 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The position is available July 1, 2012. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, a recent curriculum vita, a research statement, a teaching portfolio, and the names and contact information for at least three references. Applications must be submitted on line at www.uky.edu/HR/UKjobs/, using the position title above. Applications from minorities and women are especially encouraged.

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