Assistant Professor of Agricultural Finance and Agribusiness
Agribusiness Program
School of Agricultural, Forest, & Environmental Sciences
Clemson University

The Agribusiness program in the School of Agricultural, Forest, & Environmental Sciences (SAFES) is seeking to fill a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level with a specialization in agricultural finance, and strong supporting skills in the area of agribusiness management. The position is equally divided between teaching (50%) and research (50%). Teaching responsibilities will be at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The successful applicant is expected to teach agricultural finance and other agribusiness courses based on program needs and the applicant’s interests and professional skills. This is a 9-month, academic-year appointment with the possibility of summer funding through research grants and contracts, fee-based workshops or other mechanisms.

The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized and externally funded research program focusing on issues of importance to agribusiness firms, industry groups, and state and federal agencies in South Carolina and the southeast region. The selected applicant will actively participate in departmental outreach efforts to make their research results relevant and accessible to decision makers.

Required Qualifications:

• PhD in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or a closely related field, at time of hire.
• Ability to teach both undergraduate and graduate level agricultural finance courses.
• Excellence in written and verbal communication.
• United States Citizenship is not required.

Preferred Qualifications:

• Ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in agribusiness management, applied demand analysis, and/or marketing.
• Experience advising undergraduate and graduate students.
• Experience advising students in experiential learning activities such as agribusiness competitions (e.g., NAMA), or student consulting and investing experiences.
• Experience working in multidisciplinary research settings.
• Experience working with clientele such as firms, industry groups and government agencies.
• Experience applying for grants, running fee-based workshops and/or establishing novel sources of funding to support research and enhanced student learning.
• A record of peer-reviewed journal articles.

The School: The Agribusiness Program resides within Clemson’s School of Agricultural, Forest, & Environmental Sciences and provides unique opportunities to develop an applied research program that has a meaningful impact on decision makers. Research opportunities are supported by a strong network of established agribusiness contacts throughout South Carolina, the southeast region, and nationally. The School collaborates with other departments within the
College of Agriculture, Forestry, & Life Sciences as well as other departments/units on campus and off campus. South Carolina has a diverse and dynamic agricultural sector that includes traditional commodities (such as grains, vegetables, livestock, ornamental horticulture and forestry), major food and other agribusiness processing, and emerging areas (such as local food systems and organic food production). Clemson faculty working in the area of agribusiness and applied economics have strong working ties with agribusiness firms and organizations, local, state, regional, and national agribusiness policy makers, and entities involved with developing rural communities. The School offers an undergraduate degree in Agribusiness, a Masters’ degree in Applied Economics, and a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Economics (shared with the Department of Economics). The School is also in the process of creating their own graduate degree program in Agribusiness and Natural Resource Management.

The University: Clemson University is the South Carolina land grant university and is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, 45 minutes from the city of Greenville, South Carolina and two-hours from Atlanta, Georgia. The area offers a wide range of recreational and cultural opportunities. The university’s full-time student population is approximately 18,500 students. The university offers a vibrant, student-centered community that thrives on leadership, collaboration, public service, relevant research and a winning spirit. Clemson University, as a top-tiered research university, combines the scientific and technological horsepower of a major research university with the academic and social environment of a small college.

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Closing Date: Position is open until filled, but for full consideration please apply by January 30, 2015. Start date is August 15, 2015.

Application Procedure: Either mail or email (preferred) your application materials to:

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864-656-3304 (fax)

All applicants are required to provide the following materials:

1) A letter of interest including the applicant’s contact information
2) A curriculum vitae
3) A one-page research plan
4) A one-page teaching philosophy
5) An unofficial graduate transcript.
6) A writing sample
7) Three letters of reference

To apply by email (preferred) please send all requested materials in a single .pdf file (except for letters of recommendation which are to be directly sent to Ms. Jennifer Hooper). An official transcript will be required before an official offer can be made to the selected candidate.

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http://www.clemson.edu/cao/humanresources/prospective/

Job search webpage:
http://www.clemson.edu/safes/hiring/

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