POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Postdoctoral Research Associate, full-time, 12-month, non-tenure track.

Location: Mid-Florida Research & Education Center, Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, 2725 S. Binion Rd., Apopka, FL 32703.

Salary: Commensurate with qualification and experience.

Review Date: To ensure full consideration please send materials by November 15, 2011. Position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Eligibility: Applicants must be authorized to work in the U.S.


Responsibilities:
- Develop a research program in the area of horticultural economics and consumer marketing,
- Develop survey instruments and conduct industry and consumer (online) surveys,
- Perform econometric analyses using industry- and household-level datasets,
- Write research outputs including journal manuscripts and reports on environmental horticulture industry and related topics,
- Report on research activities and prepare materials for presentation at professional meetings and extension (outreach) workshops,
- Assist in writing external funding proposals.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, or closely related field; skills in econometric analysis of cross section and panel data analysis, applied spatial econometric modeling, and/or discrete choice modeling; experience with STATA/SAS/MATLAB or related statistical and numerical software. The ability to relate economic analysis to public policy is desirable as is applicable experience, and excellent writing, organizational and communication skills.

Background Information: The Mid-Florida Research and Education Center (MREC, http://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu) is a unit of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse research and extension programs, with thirteen faculty members working with a variety of crops and organisms. The research team at MREC includes three entomologists, five horticulturists, one plant geneticist, one economist, two plant pathologists and the Director. There are ample opportunities to participate in campus and departmental activities, joint research projects and in graduate student training. MREC is located 15 miles northwest of Orlando and 94 miles south of the main campus in Gainesville, and in proximity to a large concentration of greenhouse and landscape ornamental commercial facilities.
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.

**How To Apply:**

Individuals wishing to apply should submit 1) cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) official transcripts, and 4) three names of references. Applications and inquiries should be sent to:

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