JOB TITLE: Assistant Professor

JOB ID: 17844

LOCATION: Columbia

FULL/PART TIME: Full Time

Job Description

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the Division of Applied Social Sciences (DASS) seeks applications and nominations for a tenure-track assistant professor position in the economics of agrifood innovation. We seek candidates who can build internationally recognized scholarly research and teaching programs in the area of economics of agrifood innovation and its impact on society. Publication in highly-ranked journals; communication of results and expertise to policy makers, industry and other stakeholders; and acquisition of external funding to support research and graduate students are expected. Teaching responsibilities include two classes per year, with at least one course at the graduate (PhD/MS) level. The successful candidate will be expected to work closely with and support programmatically a newly established research institute on food innovation that will begin in 2016.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with a diverse set of colleagues in Agricultural & Applied Economics and in other disciplines in the social and biophysical sciences – e.g., law, rural sociology, sustainable development, plant sciences, animal sciences, science and agricultural communication/journalism, among others. The mission of the newly established research institute on food innovation is to be a key source of information about the economic impacts of agrifood technologies and innovation around the world. Its faculty and global network of experts will work to build improved public understanding, better government policies, increased investments, and realization of greater societal benefits from agrifood innovation. The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at MU is located in a major plant/animal research corridor, offering significant opportunity for collaboration with industry stakeholders and research scientists. Interdisciplinary collaboration is strongly encouraged. Institutes or centers in the applied social sciences include the Economics and Management of Agrobiotechnology Center (EMAC), the Food and Agricultural Policy Institute (FAPRI), Graduate Institute of Cooperative Leadership (GICL), McQuinn Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (McCEL), Contracting and Organizations Research Institute (CORI), Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES), among others. The Division of Applied Social Sciences includes faculty in Agricultural and Applied Economics, Rural Sociology, Science and Agricultural Journalism, and Agricultural Education and Leadership. The division is one of six within the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a PhD in agricultural economics, economics, or other closely related field with a specialization in the economics of innovation. Outstanding expertise also is expected in one or more of the following fields: applied microeconomics; industrial organization; health and welfare economics; natural resources and environmental economics; international economics. Experience with impact assessment studies; experimental economic methods; or advanced technical knowledge of key agricultural and food innovations (e.g. biotechnology, nanotechnology, etc.) is highly desirable.

Application Materials

Those interested in applying should complete the online application, send a letter of application, current resume, copy of transcripts, samples of scholarly works, evidence of teaching effectiveness, names of at least four professional references and CV. Please visit http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/index.php to submit an application. Official transcripts will be required for any candidate offered the position.

Questions regarding this position should be directed to:
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Application Deadline

Screening of applications will begin November 30, 2015 and continue until the position is filled.

MU Diversity Commitment

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Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits

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