

Position Announcement:

Assistant Professor/Associate Professor:

12 month, tenure-track position in the area of

Organic/Sustainable & Alternative Crops Research



POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will establish a nationally recognized research program in organic and alternative cropping systems for vegetable and other specialty crops. Designing successful approaches to sustainable/organic production systems using both basic and applied crop physiology will be a major focus of the program. The position will provide innovative and comprehensive research support for new and developing market areas in TN. The successful candidate will provide leadership for an organics program in this area while interacting and working cooperatively with scientists in the Institute of Agriculture, other universities, government agencies and private companies. The candidate will be expected to aggressively seek extramural funding, to publish and present research findings, and to actively participate in classroom teaching, graduate student mentoring and training programs. The candidate will be expected to develop core courses in organic and sustainable production. The candidate's lab will reside in a modern, multi-disciplinary plant biotechnology research building. Supporting greenhouse facilities for the program are located on the Organic Crops Unit in Knoxville, a part of the East Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center. The University of Tennessee has dedicated a 90-acre farm as the Organic Crops Unit, with 21 acres under cultivation and 14 of those acres currently in transition toward certified organic production. Research has been initiated on cover cropping, alternative crops, farmscaping, minimum tillage and season extension. Opportunities also exist to conduct research on other AgResearch and Education Centers located across the state in geographically distinct regions. Support staff at the Centers aid in project set-up and maintenance. The candidate will have access to shared equipment and facilities of our Genomics Hub, an interdepartmental molecular facility dedicated to agricultural research.

QUALIFICATIONS: The candidate should have a Ph.D. in Horticulture, Crop Science or a related discipline with training and experience in crop production. Post-doctoral research and teaching experience is desired. Experience and/or specialized training in organic/ sustainable production systems, plant physiology and greenhouse management is highly desired. The candidate is expected to have excellent written and oral communication skills and to interact effectively with students, faculty, producers and AgResearch and Education Center personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Screening of applicants' credentials will begin on October 12, 2009 and continue until the position is filled.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include group health & life insurance; state employees retirement; workers' compensation; and sick and annual leave.

APPOINTMENT: 75% Research and 25% Teaching

APPLICATION: Interested candidates should submit the following materials: 1) letter that outlines research and teaching interests, 2) CV, 3) original copies of all transcripts, and 4) names, postal and e-mail addresses and phone numbers of five references. Submit materials to: Dr. Annette Wszelaki - Search Committee Chair, The University of Tennessee, Department of Plant Sciences, 2431 Joe Johnson Drive, 252 Plant Sciences Building, Knoxville, TN 37996-4561.

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