POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00012942
REQUISITION # 0906816

Title: Lecturer - Plant Science

Location: Agronomy Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
PO Box 100500
Gainesville, FL 32611-0500

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: To ensure full consideration please apply online (https://jobs.ufl.edu/) and submit all materials by November 20, 2014. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month, non-tenure accruing faculty position with 100% teaching FTE in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Duties include teaching the following existing courses: Principles of Plant Science; Environment, Food and Society; and Alternative Cropping Systems. The successful candidate will also help to develop new undergraduate courses that contribute to the Plant Science major and related courses that support the Doctor of Plant Medicine graduate degree program (http://www.dpm.ifas.ufl.edu/). Related responsibilities will include serving as co-advisor for the undergraduate Plant Science degree program, primary advisor of the Agronomy Soils Club, as well as coordinator of efforts to recruit undergraduate students to the Plant Science Degree program and to courses offered by the Agronomy Department. Activities will include supporting the professional development of students and fostering their involvement in college and university activities as well as participation in appropriate local, state, and national professional organizations. The assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

Qualifications
An M.S. or Ph.D. degree (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Agronomy or closely-related plant science discipline is required. Leadership and communication skills necessary for teaching and motivating students are required and previous teaching experience is highly desirable. This person must have the desire and ability to work with others and to implement and engage in an effective, interdisciplinary and collaborative teaching program. Candidates must be supportive of
the mission of the Land Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Background Information**

The University of Florida ([http://www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 50,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences ([http://ifas.ufl.edu](http://ifas.ufl.edu)) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ([http://cals.ufl.edu](http://cals.ufl.edu)), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station ([http://research.ifas.ufl.edu](http://research.ifas.ufl.edu)), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service ([http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu](http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu)), the College of Veterinary Medicine ([http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu](http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu)), the Florida Sea Grant program ([http://www.flseagrant.org/](http://www.flseagrant.org/)), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (REC) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 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.

The Agronomy Department ([http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/)) is a unit in IFAS at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research and extension education programs with 16 faculty members located on the Gainesville campus, 12 faculty located across the state at research and education centers, several courtesy faculty and support personnel. Gainesville is an attractive city of about 100,000 in population located in North Central Florida midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico with many nearby lakes and rivers.

**Employment Conditions**

This position is available January 1, 2015 and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

**Application Information**

Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/57959](http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/57959) and submit:

- Full curriculum vita, including teaching experiences and publications
- Cover letter describing your interest and qualifications for the position
- One page “Statement of Instructional and Student Advising Philosophy” (attach as ‘other document’);

Also, official transcripts of all college or university work and letters of recommendation from a minimum of three individuals should be sent to the search chair at the address below.
**Nominations**

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to the Chair, Search and Screen Committee at the address shown below. (Please refer to Requisition # 0906816)

Dr. Greg MacDonald  
Chair, Search and Screen Committee  
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University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL 32611-0500  
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Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at [http://www.naces.org/](http://www.naces.org/).

*The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida’s ‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.*