The Grain Farmers of Ontario Professorship in Wheat Breeding

The Department of Plant Agriculture, Ontario Agricultural College (OAC), University of Guelph, invites applications for a full-time, tenure tracked, Assistant Professor position, specializing in wheat breeding and genetics. This position is located at the Guelph campus. It will include creating novel wheat varieties with enhanced productivity, disease resistance, pest resistance and enhanced quality. The incumbent will be expected to grow in this position to take leadership roles in national and international wheat breeding communities.

The Department of Plant Agriculture is Canada’s largest and most diverse applied plant biology department and has recognized strengths in a broad cross-section of plant sciences including: breeding, molecular genetics, genomics, agronomy, horticulture, controlled environment systems, bio-products, turf and crop physiology. The Department maintains a complement of 31 faculty positions, 100 staff and more than 100 graduate students. The incumbent will have access to research stations across the Province to undertake field based programs and access to modern laboratory, growth room and greenhouse facilities as well as existing wheat germplasm. This position will assist the Department in addressing areas of wheat breeding and genetics to supply new, high yielding, premium quality wheat varieties for the 1 million acres of mainly winter wheat grown annually in Ontario. Further information on current Departmental, College and University programs can be found at: www.plant.uoguelph.ca, www.uoguelph.ca/oac and www.uoguelph.ca

The city of Guelph (www.city.guelph.on.ca) is a vibrant community of about 115,000 people, with a lively downtown, abundant shopping opportunities and a dynamic cultural core, close to Toronto, Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo.

The position requires a Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics or related disciplines. The successful candidate will develop and lead a comprehensive research program in the broad areas of wheat breeding and genetics will work independently and on teams to address issues of importance to the agriculture and food sectors and generally to those of society as a whole. The incumbent will interact with industry, University and government colleagues to develop meaningful priorities for research and the creation of knowledge. Teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level will be expected as will supervision and training of highly qualified personnel, including graduate students. Service to the discipline as well as the agricultural industry is also expected.
Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications. The deadline for applications is Sept 15, 2013 or until a suitable candidate is found. Please send a complete curriculum vitae, a statement of your teaching philosophy and the contact information for three professional references to:

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All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of Guelph is committed to equity in its policies, practices, and programs, supports diversity in its teaching, learning and work environments, and ensures that applications for members of underrepresented groups are seriously considered under its employment equity policy. All qualified individuals who would contribute to the further diversification of our University community are encouraged to apply.