

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Professor, Extension Specialty Crops Plant Pathologist

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

Position: 12-month tenure-track, Assistant Professor (100% Extension) of Entomology and Plant Pathology, with particular emphasis on pathogens of non-ornamental specialty crops

Location: University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Knoxville, Tennessee

Duties and responsibilities: The recruited individual is expected to develop and deliver a vibrant, nationally recognized innovative applied research and Extension education program focused on diseases of one or more important or emerging crops of Tennessee (e.g., fruits, vegetables, tobacco, hemp). The individual will provide technical expertise on disease management, will develop an educational program using traditional and innovative outreach tools for diverse audiences (e.g., Extension agents and specialists, producers, regional and state leaders, Master Gardeners) and will provide leadership in developing a specialty crop Extension and outreach program that meets the needs of all eligible clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or veteran status. The candidate also is expected to participate in the training of M.S. and Ph.D. students and to provide service to the department, university, and professional societies or organizations.

Required Qualifications: Candidate should have a Ph.D. or equivalent in Plant Pathology or a closely related field.

Preferred or Desirable Qualifications: Candidate should possess strong communication skills and an understanding of plant pathology concepts, the ability to communicate effectively to a diverse audience including faculty, stakeholder groups and other clientele, and have evidence of scholarship through scientific presentations and publications. Familiarity with the production of commercial fruit or vegetable systems and local food production systems as well as expertise with diverse communication and dissemination strategies (e.g., electronic publications, web, social media) also are desirable. The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. We especially are interested in candidates that have experience working with, teaching or mentoring diverse students or diverse clientele and the ability to contribute to fostering diversity within UTIA.

Department: The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology (EPP) resides within the Institute of Agriculture at The University of Tennessee and adheres to the three-pronged mission of land grant universities by providing quality research, teaching and Extension, including outreach, to the citizens of Tennessee and elsewhere. The Department has an excellent reputation in research, teaching and Extension and excels at fulfilling its mission to advance scientific knowledge and to provide science-based information to improve the sustainability of food and fiber production, protection of natural resources, and the lives of all people in Tennessee and across the world. EPP Extension is the outreach unit of the Institute of Agriculture and is recognized nationally for delivering research-based information about agriculture and pests to the people of Tennessee. The EPP Department currently has 23 full-time faculty members with expertise in diverse areas of entomology and plant pathology. The successful

candidate will have access to ten research and education centers located across the state. The department offers masters and doctoral degrees and an undergraduate minor. The recruited individual for this position will have opportunities for collaboration within the department and across UTIA. The successful candidate will have an excellent opportunity to play a role in the direction of growth of the department as several new hires are anticipated. For more information about the department, visit our web site at: <https://ag.tennessee.edu/EPP/>

Effective Date: Position available beginning July 1, 2017. Screening of applicant credentials will begin March 1, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits available include group medical insurance, dental insurance, group and individual life insurance, long-term disability insurance, workers' compensation, retirement plan with UT contribution, sick leave, annual leave, paid holidays and administrative leave days, unemployment compensation, educational discounts, and use of University Services.

To apply, send a current CV and cover letter detailing your interest in the position in a single PDF file via e-mail to cmaguiga@utk.edu. Also, please arrange for official transcripts and three letters of reference to be e-mailed to cmaguiga@utk.edu or mailed directly to:

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