FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
OSU-Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center (SOREC)
Oregon State University
Central Point, OR 97502

POSITION: Plant Pathologist
RANK: Assistant or Associate Professor
DEPARTMENT: OSU-Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center
LOCATION: Central Point, Oregon
EXTERNAL HOME: Botany and Plant Pathology
FTE: 1.0
FTE FUNDING: 75% Research and 25% Extension Service
CLOSING DATE: May 15, 2015
POSITION AVAILABLE: August 1, 2015

We are seeking an exceptional candidate that has the ability to both lead and collaborate effectively in developing a progressive applied research and Extension program addressing plant diseases for the Southern Oregon agricultural industry. We are particularly interested in programs to support sustainable crop management practices for tree fruits and wine grapes fruits in Southern Oregon’s diverse growing regions. This is an excellent opportunity to work with two dynamic, high-profile industries in Southern Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

1) Develop a strong applied research program focusing on the development of cultural, biological and chemical methods for control of diseases on wine grapes, tree fruits and other agricultural crops in Southern Oregon.
2) Collaborate with professional colleagues, industry members, and field representatives to develop and implement Extension outreach programs that integrate research based information to improve crop production and Integrated Pest Management of crop diseases funded in part by or other sources.
3) Collaborate with industry, research, extension, and teaching colleagues to identify, conduct, and disseminate research information and programs.
4) Develop a pest management program that achieves regional, national and international recognition by keeping abreast of, interpreting, and presenting results of trials from Oregon at state, regional, national, and international levels.
5) Fulfill reporting requirements of the department, college, and Extension Service.
6) Conduct scholarly or innovative work in plant disease management, communicate results, and validate discovery, integration, or application by peers.
7) Participate in and serve the Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center, department, college, university, and community.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

1) Ph.D. in Plant Pathology or related field with demonstrated interest in applied research and delivering Extension educational programs.
2) Postdoctoral experience preferred.
3) Demonstrated capacity for intellectual curiosity, creativity, and leadership in university-level scholarship.
4) Evidence of ability to obtain funding to support applied research and Extension programs/projects, including state and national funding sources for agriculture.
5) Evidence of ability for both leadership and collaboration to develop new applied research and educational outreach approaches that include contemporary media technologies, interdisciplinary teams, field plot research, demonstrations, and on-farm trials in collaboration with growers.
6) Demonstrated record of publication or other scholarly activity.
7) Demonstrated excellence in oral and written communication skills with keen interest in working with producers and practitioners.
8) Preferred qualifications include additional experience in integrated farm systems, working with diverse publics either as an industry professional or in a postgraduate position, and a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center located in Central Point Oregon has served the citizens in Southern Oregon for 101 years. SOREC is made up of two units, the Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center (SOREC) and Jackson County Extension Service. Today, SOREC supports three researchers, an entomologist, a plant pathologist, and a viticulturalist that helps agriculture producers develop sustainable best management practices that contributes to agriculture in the region so that they might remain competitive in a global economy.

Agriculture in the three County area (Jackson, Josephine & Douglas County’s) that SOREC’s researchers serves about 4,266 farms and has a total economic value of over $98 million dollars.

Tree Fruits are the second largest crop accounting for about 5,143 acres, representing an estimated $30 million dollars farm-gate value and $200 million in value-added sales. Agricultural producers across Southern Oregon’s diverse tree fruit and wine grape industry’s seek critical information and knowledge about best management practices on crop diseases. The Southern Oregon Plant pathologist will be expected to provide innovative improvements disease control in collaboration with industry and their peers. This person will work closely with the growing wine grape industry, the established pear industries in Southern Oregon as well as a growing organic farming industry.

Viticulture in Southern Oregon (Jackson, Josephine and Douglas Counties) is the fastest growing commodity and accounts for over 4,000 acres, 70+ wineries, four growing regions including cool and warm climates, and over 50 varieties representing an estimated $12 million farm-gate value and $40 million value-added for wine sales and tourism. Both the producers and educational or research needs of each micro-climate represent a tremendous diversity and exciting challenge in an area with multiple geographic regions. Presently, wine grapes are grown in the Rogue, Applegate, Illinois and Umpqua Valleys in Southern Oregon and the Willamette Valley, Hood River, and Milton-Freewater regions of Northern Oregon with excellent collaboration among colleagues in neighboring states.

The individual selected for this position will receive an appointment in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology (http://bpp.oregonstate.edu/about-the-department) at Oregon State University (http://oregonstate.edu) with academic rank and privileges. Beginning salary will be commensurate with training and experience. Benefits include participation in the state-funded retirement plan; sick leave; vacation leave; and health, dental, and life insurance plans.

Other relevant web sites:
Jackson County Oregon: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackson_County,_Oregon
About Jackson County: http://www.co.jackson.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=62
OSU Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center; http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/
Oregon Wine Research Institute: http://owri.oregonstate.edu/
Oregon Wine Board: http://www.oregonwine.org/
Pear Production: http://www.agmrc.org/commodities__products/fruits/pears/
Pacific Northwest Tree Fruit research: http://www.treefruitresearch.com/
**SOREC AND COMMUNITY**

This position is located at the OSU Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center (SOREC) in Jackson County near Central Point, Oregon. SOREC is one of 13 OSU regional experiment stations and 36 county extension offices in Oregon.

Once known for timber, the economy of Jackson County has diversified. Health care, including Asante Health System and Providence Medical Center is the largest employment group in the County. Second largest group is retail/manufacturing, including Harry & David and Amy's Kitchen. Government is the third largest employment group; this reflects the fact that the Federal government owns about 50 percent of the land within the County's boundaries.

Industries that show steady growth in Jackson County include wine, film, and farming—pointing to how Jackson County is distinguished as a place where entrepreneurship thrives.

Approximately 70 percent of Jackson County residents live in the 11 incorporated cities, which include Ashland, Butte Falls, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix, Rogue River, Shady Cove, and Talent. The remainder lives in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Medford, with a population of 75,545, is the largest city within Jackson County and serves as its County seat. Medford is known throughout the country and the world for its pear orchards and is home to Harry & David, one of the world’s largest shippers of fruit, food baskets, and wine. Medford is a popular location for visitors who wish to access the nearby recreation areas.

The second largest city in Jackson County, Ashland (population 20,255), is home of the internationally famous Oregon Shakespeare Festival which runs from mid-February through October and sells more than 350,000 tickets a year. Ashland is also the location of Southern Oregon University. Another Jackson County town known for tourism is Jacksonville, located just five miles west of Medford. The entire City is on the National Historic Registry and is home to Brit Festival, one of the largest summer music festivals in the United States.

Visitors and residents can enjoy the changing of the four seasons and overall mild climate. Elevation is 1380 feet above sea level; annual rainfall average is 19 inches; temperatures vary from average lows of 31-41° to average highs of 88-100°. The timber industry, agriculture, and tourism are basic to the economy.

**APPLICATION**

To view full position announcement and apply, visit the Oregon State University website at: [http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/](http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/). Posting #0013895. Closing Date: May 15, 2015 at 5 p.m. OSU is an AA/EOE/Vets/Disabled. For full consideration completed application and required materials must be received by May 1, 2015

For information about the position you may contact:

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