Endowed J. Robert Stiffler Professorship of Plant Science
Department of Biological Sciences, College of Sciences
Old Dominion University (http://www.odu.edu)

We seek an outstanding scholar with demonstrated excellence in research, consistent peer-reviewed research grant support, excellence in teaching, and a strong commitment to undergraduate and graduate education. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in Plant Science, Botany or a closely related discipline. Candidates with research programs and teaching expertise in one or more of the following areas are preferred: (1) molecular systematics, (2) plant conservation biology, (3) biogeography and/or phytogeography, (4) plant/animal interactions, and/or (5) ethnobotany. Experience in advanced genomics or transcriptomics is desirable. The ideal candidate will be active in university undergraduate and graduate programs, utilizing among others, associations with the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Research related to the objectives of the Kaplan Orchid Conservatory and/or Blackwater Ecological Preserve is desirable.

State salary support, funds from the endowment income of the J. Robert Stiffler Professorship to support the incumbent's research and a competitive start-up package are available. The Department of Biological Sciences receives substantial support from state funds, from research grants from federal and other granting agencies and from endowment income funds. The Department has strong Ph.D. and M.S. graduate programs with over 100 students. The College of Sciences and the Department of Biological Sciences are undergoing a major expansion of research and educational programs. Six new faculty members joined the Department of Biological Sciences in 2013-14 and active searches for two additional faculty positions are in progress. Collaborative interactions are encouraged with the other departments (Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Physics and Psychology) and Centers of the College, the other colleges and centers of the University (Engineering, Health Sciences, Education, the Virginia Modeling Analysis and Simulation Center and others), and the Eastern Virginia Medical School. Excellent collaborative research opportunities are available at nearby federal agency facilities and laboratories located in the Washington DC area, which is in close proximity.

Old Dominion University (www.odu.edu) is a state-supported, Carnegie doctoral research institution enrolling approximately 25,000 students. Research and training grant expenditures increased in the College of Sciences by 46% over seven years to over $16M in FY 2013-14 and by 7% over the last year. Norfolk is a culturally rich, historic city and a major international maritime center in a vibrant metropolitan area of approximately 1.7 million people. Within the area, there are numerous cultural activities including a symphony orchestra, an opera company and a ballet company as well as numerous museums. Norfolk is one of the seven cities comprising Hampton Roads at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and within convenient driving distance of Washington DC, Baltimore MD, Research Triangle Park NC and Richmond, VA.

Nominations and applications should be directed electronically to hortsearch@odu.edu. Applications should include a letter of interest addressing the qualifications noted above, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for four professional references. The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Old Dominion University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.