POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-3894
Requisition # 493017

Title: Assistant Professor of Nematology

Location: Gulf Coast Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Balm, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by November 13, 2015. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is identified.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position with a 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) appointment, at the University of Florida's Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (GCREC) near Tampa, Florida. The assignment may change in accordance with the needs of IFAS and the unit. Tenure will accrue in the University of Florida, Department of Entomology and Nematology. The appointee will develop a nationally recognized nematology program focused on the management of plant parasitic nematodes of economic importance to the commercial horticultural and ornamental industries in Florida. The successful candidate is expected to have the necessary skills to identify and characterize plant and soil associated nematodes, and to evaluate the impact of fumigants, pesticides, plant resistance, cropping systems, and other cultural practices on the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of nematode as the basis for developing integrated management strategies. The appointee will be an active member of an interdisciplinary statewide team of research and extension personnel whose goal is to enhance and sustain the vegetable, small fruit crop and ornamental industries in Florida. The appointee will develop a strong extramurally funded research program that leads to publishing in peer reviewed journals, as well as an extension program that assists the GCREC diagnostic clinic and that of the UF IFAS Nematode Assay Laboratory in Gainesville, provides comprehensive in-service training to Florida Cooperative Extension County Agents, and to develop printed and electronic extension materials for commercial growers and other industry clientele. The successful candidate will participate actively in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research and publishing research and extension materials with graduate students.

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
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in nematology, plant pathology, or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience with field applied research and extension duties is highly desirable. Candidates should possess demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, working cooperatively with others, and acquiring extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system and be committed to IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Background Information:
The Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (http://gcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/) has diverse research, extension and teaching programs with 20 faculty members located at Balm (mailing address Wimauma) and Plant City teaching program, with specialization in economics, geomatics, horticulture, pest management, plant breeding, and resource management. GCREC is a modern research and education facility that includes offices and laboratories, 15 greenhouses, approximately 500 acres of field operations, and housing for up to 16 resident graduate students.

The University of Florida (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) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (http://cals.ufl.edu), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (http://research.ifas.ufl.edu), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu), the College of Veterinary Medicine (http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu), the Florida Sea Grant program (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.

Employment Conditions
This position is available January 1, 2016, 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.

Nominations
Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

(Please refer to requisition # 493017)

Dr. Nathan Boyd
Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/493017 and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Names and contact information (e-mail address and phone number) of three individuals who may be contacted to provide letters of recommendation

- Unofficial transcripts showing receipt of the doctoral degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to:

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Final candidate will be required to provide an 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/.

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.