POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00013827
Requisition # 493117

Title: Assistant Professor in Nematology
Location: Entomology & Nematology Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida, 32611-0620

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by October 30, 2015. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Entomology & Nematology Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. Tenure will accrue in the Entomology & Nematology Department. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The incumbent will develop a nationally recognized and independent program focusing on novel approaches to nematode management that are compatible with crop production systems in north central and northwest Florida. In particular, the incumbent will conduct research on plant-pathogenic nematode diseases of agronomic (field, row, forage, energy) and horticultural (fruit and vegetable) crops cultivated in the northern Florida region. Development of a strong extramurally funded research program that leads to peer reviewed publications is expected. He/she will work closely with other faculty working on sustainable/integrated cropping systems, phytopathology, weed management, emerging bioenergy crops, forage crops, and other field crops. Extension duties include training Extension agents and delivering relevant information to commercial growers and other industry clientele. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. Faculty is encouraged to participate in professional development activities related to teaching and advising and may teach courses and seminars.

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**Qualifications**
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Nematology or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience with field applied research and extension duties is highly desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system and must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Background Information**
The Entomology and Nematology Department (http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/) has diverse teaching, research, and extension programs with 29 faculty members located on main campus in Gainesville and 38 faculty located at 11 Research and Education Centers (RECs) throughout the state. The incumbent would be joining one of the largest nematology programs in the country with 4 nematologists on campus and 3 at RECs. The incumbent would collaborate particularly with scientists in other disciplines at the North Florida REC to address plant-pathogenic nematode diseases of important agricultural crops pertinent to the northern region of Florida.

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 Gainesville-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 # 493117
Dr. Don W. Dickson
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
University of Florida
Entomology & Nematology Department
Steinmetz Hall
1881 Natural Area Drive
Gainesville FL 32611-0620

Telephone: (352) 273-3938
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**Application Information**

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/493117](http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/493117) and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Statement of research and Extension interests
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Contact information (including email addresses) for three individuals willing to write letters of recommendation
  - Unofficial transcripts

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Final candidate will be required to provide 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/.

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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.*