POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Research and Teaching Position in Weed Science
Department of Plant & Soil Sciences
University of Kentucky

JOB TITLE: Assistant Professor.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This is a 65% research and 35% teaching, full time (12-month) tenure-track position at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Research: The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized research program with strong publication and extramural funding records and a commitment to graduate student training. The appointee will have primary responsibility for research on weed management issues of importance to Kentucky with a particular focus on, but not limited to, agronomic crops such as corn, soybean, wheat, tobacco, forages, and pastures for beef and equine production. The research may span field, greenhouse and laboratory experimentation designed to answer applied and fundamental questions concerning weeds and their management. The weed science program at the University of Kentucky has a tradition of working as a collaborative team of research and extension scientists, and the person in this position is expected to continue that tradition by collaborating with other faculty members in the department and college, including weed scientists, agronomists, soil scientists, and others. Opportunities for cooperative research are also available with scientists in the USDA-ARS Forage Animal Production Unit at Lexington. The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences recently established an Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences Graduate Program that seeks to increase graduate student understanding and awareness of the crop, soil and plant biology disciplines within the department. This position is seen as a key component in meeting that objective.

Teaching: The ability and desire to interact with students is essential; we expect this individual to develop a strong teaching program. The person in this position will be responsible for teaching the core undergraduate weed science course, PLS 404 Integrated Weed Management, and two additional courses (undergraduate or graduate level) per year. Opportunities are also available for undergraduate advising and recruitment.

Service: This individual will fill service roles in the department/university and pursue professional development in a scientific society.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. in agronomy, horticulture, plant science or related disciplines with research experience in weed science is required. Teaching experience is valued. Supporting qualifications including field research experience and a record of research publications and successful grantsmanship will be evaluated.

RANK AND SALARY: The position will be filled at the Assistant Professor level. Salary, fringe benefits, and operating support are highly competitive with other leading land-grant universities.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2014, or until a suitable applicant is selected. The position is available July 1, 2014. To apply for this position (50107506), a UK Online Application must be submitted at https://ukjobs.uky.edu then click custom job search and enter the requisition number (SC549729). The application should include: 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae including the names and contact information of three references, 3) university transcripts (scanned copies acceptable for application review), 4) a description of your research interests based on the prompt ‘If I could investigate any research question in the next five years I would focus on …’, and 5) a teaching statement providing your recommended learning objectives for an ‘Integrated Weed Management’ course and ideas on how you would assess a student’s achievement of these objectives. If you have any questions concerning how to apply, contact HR/Employment, phone 859.257.9555 press 2, or email ukjobs@email.uky.edu. Questions about the position can be directed to: Dr. Todd Pfeiffer (Chair), Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, 105 Plant Science Building, Lexington, KY 40546-0312 (tpfeiffe@uky.edu) telephone 859.218.0709.

Applications and inquiries from women and minorities are encouraged. The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications will be accepted without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The address of the College of Agriculture EEO Coordinator is Room S-101 Agriculture Science-North, Lexington, KY 40546-0091.