POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Assistant Professor in Microbiology and Cell Science

Location: Microbiology and Cell Science Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by April 1, 2020. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 9-month tenure-accruing position that will be 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 0% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Microbiology and Cell Science Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Microbiology and Cell Science. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include the development of a strong extramurally funded research program in an area broadly related to microbiology and cell biology, including bacteriology, fungal biology, parasitology, and/or virology that can include but is not limited to microbial pathogens, symbionts, and natural products and can span from molecular to ecosystem studies. The incumbent will be expected to develop a successful teaching program that includes teaching one undergraduate course in either cell biology, virology, or a related course. The faculty member will participate actively in 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. The faculty member will actively seek contract and grant funding to support his/her program.

Tenure-track positions:
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
Required:
A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in microbiology (including bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, or virology), cell biology, molecular biology, or a closely related discipline is required with

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published experience in the field of study. At least two years of postdoctoral experience is required. 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. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Preferred:
Strong data analysis and computer skills are important.

Background Information:

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing many academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 54,000 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.

The Microbiology and Cell Science Department includes 25 tenured and tenure-track faculty as well as five non-tenure faculty members who serve as instructors. Our faculty are located primarily in one building, but we also have four faculty members at the Genetics Institute building, two at the Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center, two at the Florida Space Life Sciences Laboratory on Merritt Island, and one at the Citrus Research and Education Center at Lake Alfred. Excellent microscopy facilities are available in our building including a state-of-the-art CryoEM instrument.

Employment Conditions
This position is available July 1, 2020 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:

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Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to apply.interfolio.com and submit:
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above.
  - Candidate should provide a brief statement on his/her teaching philosophy.
  - Candidate should also provide a brief statement on their commitment to diversity and inclusiveness.
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Contact information (including email addresses) for three individuals willing to write letters of recommendation who can evaluate your work as a scholar
  - Unofficial transcripts

Selected 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).

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. The University of Florida is a public institution and subject to all requirements under Florida Sunshine and Public Record laws.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences is committed to creating an environment that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. Non-traditional applicants are also encouraged to apply. The University and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of cultural events, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activities, and social opportunities.

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