POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION X1661: Assistant Professor, Variety Testing Coordinator and Field Crop Agronomist/Agroecologist. Twelve-month, tenure track.

LOCATION: Department of Plant Sciences, University of Tennessee (plantsciences.utk.edu), Knoxville, TN.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Screening of applicant’s credentials will begin on June 1, 2016 and continue until the position is filled.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES: This position is a 75%/25% Extension/Research appointment in the Department of Plant Sciences of the UT Institute of Agriculture and will be located in Knoxville, TN. This position is charged with the coordination of small plot, replicated trials evaluating commercially available and experimental corn and soybean cultivars on UT AgResearch and Education Centers and to assemble and publish trial results yearly. Additionally, this position will be expected to work both independently and as a member of an interdisciplinary team to develop a nationally recognized research program in field crop agroecology. The research goal of the position is to develop agricultural systems that are productive, economically viable, and resource conserving, but specific focus areas will depend on the interest level and background of the individual. Potential research areas include: long-term crop rotations, cover crops, special trait crops, soil amendments (e.g. poultry litter and other animal wastes), soil quality, greenhouse gas emissions, genetically modified/non-genetically modified crops, pollinator health, biodiversity, or integrated crop-livestock systems. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- develop a strong Extension and Research program;
- develop outcome-based educational programs focused on field crop agroecology;
- provide training of county Extension professionals to enhance technical knowledge of issues related to field crop ecology;
- publish output from applied research activities in the form of both peer-reviewed extension publications and refereed, peer-reviewed journals;
- acquire extramural funding to support, develop and enhance educational and applied research programs; and
- participate in service roles in the Department, Institute, University and profession.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in Agronomy or related agricultural field. Excellent communication skills in written and oral English are required and all applicants must be authorized to work in the U.S. on a long-term basis. Applicants must demonstrate potential for success in the following areas:

- Peer-reviewed and refereed publications
- Extramural funding
- Competitive grant writing
- Presentation of research results at professional meetings
- Conduct in field/greenhouse/laboratory research
- Working in a multidisciplinary and collaborative team environment

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SALARY: Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with training and experience.

SUPPORT: The successful candidate’s field, lab and supporting greenhouse facilities will reside at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville. Field research facilities are available at UT AgResearch and Education Centers located in various physiographic areas of the state (http://taes.tennessee.edu/centers).

TO APPLY: Interested candidates should submit the following materials: a letter of application outlining research and extension vision, a curriculum vitae, official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and the names, postal and e-mail addresses and phone numbers of four references. Submit materials electronically to Ms. Dawn Seigel at “dbrown10@utk.edu” or by mail to Dawn Seigel (Search Committee Assistant), Department of Plant Sciences, Room 252 Ellington Plant Sciences Building, 2431 Joe Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996-4561. Inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Tom Samples at tsamples@utk.edu, 865-974-2595 (office) or 865-924-8873 (cell).

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