



POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant/Associate/Professor (Production Agronomy)

August 21, 2009

WORK LOCATION: Dean Lee Research and Extension Center, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Alexandria, Louisiana. The Dean Lee Research Station is located in Central Louisiana and is situated on the Red River alluvial soils which are an important area of row crop production in Louisiana. The facilities include 700+ acres of row crop research area, significant beef cattle research facilities, and a fully staffed farm crew, and ample equipment. Dean Lee is located adjacent to LSU-Alexandria (LSUA). LSUA offers four year degree programs, associate degree programs, and many cultural, sporting, and social activities. The area is served by a regional airport and is accessible by Interstate 49.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Full-time 12 month, tenure-track position with a 100% research appointment. The selected applicant will be responsible for developing a research program with the aim to improve the profitability of producing corn, cotton, grain sorghum, soybean, wheat and other crops in Louisiana. Research will focus primarily on, but not be limited to agronomic systems and management in these crops. The successful candidate will have the option of continuing ongoing aflatoxin resistance research and initiating research on crops with potential for bioenergy production. He/she will be required to collaborate with researchers and extension specialists within the LSU AgCenter system to identify critical research projects, as well as partner with industry and other universities in cooperative studies. Applicant will also be required to document and publish results from research in refereed journals and other scientific outlets appropriate to the research appointment. The applicant will be expected to submit grants for extramural support from various federal and state agencies, including commodity research boards. He/she will be expected to maintain qualifications for membership on the graduate faculty and establish an effective professional relationship with the School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences for the purpose of working with graduate student programs. The position has in place one full-time research associate position to support the project efforts, in addition to research laboratory facilities, equipment, and supplies. The successful candidate will be expected to manage personnel and equipment. Farm crew activities are directed by the Research Station Coordinator and the successful candidate will be expected to coordinate activities with this individual. Responsibilities also will include participation in professional and technical meetings and other outreach as is necessary to inform producers, industry personnel, and other research scientists of project activities and findings.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: PhD in agronomy, plant/soil science, plant breeding, or other agricultural-related field of study is required. Experience and training in field crops research and production practices are highly desirable. Applicants should have demonstrated effective oral and written communication skills necessary for presentations to a variety of audiences and clientele.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 30, 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply online at <https://lsusystemcareers.lsu.edu/> by attaching cover letter with resume including a statement of professional interest and goals, original university transcripts, and three letters of reference. For more information contact:

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