



## POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant/Associate/Professor

(Agronomy)

(Anticipated)

August 14, 2009

**WORK LOCATION:** Red River Research Station, LSU AgCenter, Bossier City, Louisiana. The station is located in the Shreveport/Bossier City metropolitan area, which has a population of over 375,000. There are several colleges in the area, including the Centenary College, LSU-Shreveport, and the LSU Medical School. The area is served by a regional airport and is accessible by Interstates 20 and 49 and lies along the route of proposed Interstate 69. There are numerous cultural and sporting venues in the area.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** This is a 12-month, tenure-track, 100% research appointment. Position will plan and conduct an agronomic research program with cotton, soybean, and corn in the Red River alluvial soils of Northwest Louisiana. Initiate and continue ongoing research on fertilization, irrigation, cropping systems, and tillage. The successful candidate is encouraged to initiate research on crops with potential for bioenergy production. Work with farm organizations, farmers, and agribusinesses to promote Louisiana row crop industry and provide solutions to production problems that limit yields and/or profitability. Participate in cooperative research projects with other agronomists, entomologists, plant pathologists, and weed scientists in the LSU AgCenter, other land grant institutions, private companies, and other state and federal agencies. Collaborate with extension agents and extension specialists to plan and conduct off-station research and demonstrations. Communicate research findings and results to other scientists, extension faculty, consultants, agribusiness representatives, and producers. Prepare appropriate publications to disseminate information to the academic community and clientele in a timely manner. Attract extramural funding from state commodity boards and regional or national competitive grant programs. Participate in state, regional, national, and international professional societies. Perform other duties assigned by the LSU AgCenter as appropriate.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Ph.D. in crop or soil science or closely related discipline with emphasis on row-crop management required. Strong oral and written communication skills required. Good interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively in a team environment is essential. Proficiency in the use of computer software and electronic technologies for data collection, statistical analysis and preparation of reports and presentation required. Training or field experiences in plant pathology, weed science, and entomology is desirable.

**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 15, 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified

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

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