

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Horticultural Postharvest Physiologist (Faculty)

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Horticulture (www.hort.uga.edu), The University of Georgia, is seeking applicants for an Assistant/Associate Professor of Horticulture with responsibilities in postharvest physiology. The position is a twelve-month, tenure track position with a 65% Extension and 30% Research and 5% Teaching appointment. The incumbent will be expected to establish an extension and research program that will use applied research to address high priority problems/issues in postharvest management of horticultural food crops; provide training, resource materials and technical assistance to county extension agents; procure extramural funding; publish research findings; and regularly participate in other scholarly and departmental activities including participation in and support of graduate education. Teaching responsibilities include offering HORT 8080 (Horticulture Research), HORT 9000 Doctoral Research, and HORT 9300 Doctoral Dissertation and serving as major professor for graduate students in the postharvest program. The candidate will be expected to have national recognition for their efforts and interact effectively with growers, industry leaders, government agencies, grower organizations, as well as other disciplines, and develop regional cooperation when feasible. The position will be located at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus, Tifton, Georgia.

Georgia is one of the largest producers of fresh vegetables, blueberries, peaches, and pecans in the United States. Combined sales of Georgia Horticultural food crops in 2016 exceeded \$1.8 Billion on over 327,000 acres.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Horticulture or closely related field.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: The incumbent must collaborate and work cooperatively with other scientists, county faculty, and industry clientele as well as have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Preference will be given to candidates with a record of research and/or extension programming excellence. Preference will also be given to candidates with postharvest experience. For Associate Professor the successful applicant must qualify for the rank of Associate Professor according to https://provost.uga.edu/_resources/documents/Horticulture_2015.pdf.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants should submit the following documentation in electronic format at <http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/28566>: (1) a letter of application, (2) curriculum vita, (3) unofficial transcripts (4) a list of 4 references with contact information including email address, (5) a 1 to 2-page statement of extension philosophy, accomplishments and future goals, and (6) a 1 to 2-page statement of research accomplishments and future goals.

Inquiries regarding the position should be sent to:

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To assure full consideration, applications must be received by 1 October 2018. The position will be available effective 1 January 2019 and will be kept available until a suitable candidate is found. The University of Georgia is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applicants regardless of gender or ethnic background. The University requests your voluntary

completion of our demographic inquiry found at: <http://eoo.uga.edu/forms/eoo-voluntary-disclosure-form>, which is used for monitoring our efforts. **This information will only be used for Equal Employment Opportunity reporting purposes and your personal information will not be shared with the search committee.**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Board of Regents has enacted a “background check” policy for new hires in the system as a condition of employment. This policy can be found at: www.policies.uga.edu/FA/nodes/view/1124/Background-investigations. Upon offer of employment, you must complete the “Consent for a Background Investigation” form.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (facultyjobs@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.