

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant Professor of Horticulture – Small Fruit Extension Specialist

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Horticulture (<https://hort.caes.uga.edu/>) at The University of Georgia, is seeking applicants for a tenure-track Extension Specialist of Horticulture. This is a nine-month position with a guarantee of two months summer salary, with an 80% Extension and 20% Research appointment. The responsibilities of this position include commercial production of small fruits, with emphasis on blueberries. This commodity is an important component of the state's horticultural industry with a farm gate value of around \$300.4 million. Extension teaching and outreach is required for this position. The incumbent will be expected to establish an Extension and Research program that will address high priority problems/issues in Georgia's small fruit production industries; provide training, resource materials and technical assistance to County Extension Agents; procure extramural funding; publish research findings; mentor graduate students, and regularly participate in other scholarly and departmental activities. The candidate will be expected to interact effectively with growers, industry leaders, government agencies, grower organizations, as well as other disciplines, and develop regional and national collaborations when feasible. The position will be located at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus, Tifton, Georgia.

SALARY: Competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have a PhD in Horticulture or related field.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: The incumbent must have a record of research and/or Extension programming excellence. The incumbent must collaborate and work cooperatively with other scientists, county faculty, and industry clientele as well as have excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants should submit the following documentation in electronic format at <http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/174258>: (1) a letter of application, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) unofficial transcripts, (4) a list of 4 references with contact information including email address, (5) a 1 to 2-page statement of research accomplishments and future goals, and (6) a 1 to 2-page statement of Extension philosophy, 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 December 15, 2020. The position will be available effective 1 March 2021 and the position will remain open until filled.

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.**

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, 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.

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