POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Assistant Dean for Extension / ANR Program Leader

Headquarters: Athens, Georgia

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with qualifications

Date Position Becomes Available: June 1, 2015

Closing Date: All applications received by April 15, 2015 are assured full consideration.

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, seeks applications and nominations for the position of Assistant Dean for Extension. This position will also serve as the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader. The Cooperative Extension Service outreach activities at the University of Georgia are among the most extensive and successful in the nation, including county operations and programs in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, forest resources and the environment.

Qualifications:
The position is open to candidates who have a terminal degree and who can qualify for the rank of Professor or Senior Public Service Associate. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience and can demonstrate expertise in the development and implementation of successful agricultural extension/outreach programming. The successful candidate must have the ability to interact and communicate effectively in a culturally and ethnically diverse community, work with state leaders and function effectively as a part of the college senior administrative team. Additionally, the candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to build successful relationships with other colleges and public service outreach units as well as external entities to enhance university outreach to Georgia citizens.

Major Responsibilities:
The Assistant Dean for Extension is directly responsible to the Associate Dean for Extension in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and will assist the Associate Dean in developing and administering statewide extension programs. The primary responsibility of Assistant Dean will be leadership and coordination of agriculture and natural resources program development and implementation and includes:

1. Collaboration with CAES Department Heads, Extension Coordinators, Director of County Operations, District Heads and Program Development Coordinators to facilitate implementation of statewide extension programs, particularly in the area of agriculture and natural resources;
2. Development of strategic partnerships;
3. Diversification of funding sources and demonstrable increase in extramural funding;
4. Collaboration with the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and Fort Valley State University to provide effective educational programs to meet the needs of a diverse and expanding clientele;
5. Implementation of an Extension strategic plan that addresses changing state demographics and needs.

Application Procedure: Nominations are encouraged. Applicant screening will be begin immediately. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by April 15, 2015; however, screening will continue until the position is filled. Application packets should include a cover letter expressing interest and qualifications for the position, curriculum vitae, and two concise one-page statements -- one describing the candidate’s vision regarding how extension should address current and future issues confronting agriculture and natural resources in Georgia and the other describing the candidate’s philosophy of and experiences in extension programming and delivery. A list of 3 – 5 professional references is also requested. Nominations, applications and letters of reference should be sent to Office of Associate Dean for Extension at caesext@uga.edu. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Mike Lacy, Search Committee Chair, mlacy@uga.edu, 706-542-1351.

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. The Board of Regents has enacted a “background investigation” policy for new hires in the system as a condition of employment. This policy can be found at: http://policies.uga.edu/FA/nodes/view/1124. Upon offer of employment, candidate must complete the “Consent for a Background Investigation” form.