Assistant Professor Position

Vegetable Crops

College of Agriculture

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The Position: The College of Agriculture at California State University, Chico, CA seeks a tenure-track assistant professor with expertise in the area of vegetable science to start August of 2019. The successful applicant will be expected to teach undergraduate courses in the area of horticulture science and sustainable crop production, coordinate the academic mission of the Organic Vegetable Project at the CSU, Chico farm, and perform related outreach. The position includes the expectation that the incumbent will conduct research consistent with his or her area of expertise and/or teaching assignment. California State University, Chico is seeking faculty who are competent in their field, collaborative with colleagues and staff, and committed to student success. As a university that educates students of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, we value a diverse faculty and staff. Chico welcomes applicants who are knowledgeable about and interested in working within a cross-cultural learning environment. We also welcome those who share a passion and commitment to the University’s Strategic Priorities—http://www.csuchico.edu/vpaa/wasc/StrategicPrior/.

Salary: Salary commensurate with education and experience.
Initial Review Date: 02/01/19; complete applications received after that date may be considered.

How to Apply: All applicants must apply online at: http://jobs.csuchico.edu/postings/5140. Applicants must provide current cover letter, CV, a statement of teaching philosophy, and the name & contact info of three professional references when applying.

Applications submitted via email or in-person to the department will not be considered

Qualification Details:

Minimum Qualifications: The minimum education requirement for appointment to this position is a terminal degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in Plant Science or related area. Candidates nearing completion of the terminal degree may be considered; however, all requirements for conferral of the degree must be met no later than August 21, 2019. The successful candidate should provide evidence of their commitment to or experience promoting and fostering a learning environment that is supportive of individuals from diverse backgrounds. Additional qualifications:

Must possess a strong understanding of basic processes in vegetable production, including a functional knowledge of seed science, crop breeding, and/or soil and water processes under organic management.
Demonstrated interest and commitment to undergraduate education.
Demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication and collaborative interpersonal relationships.
Demonstrated ability and experience in applied research.

Preferred Qualifications:

Experience in undergraduate plant science or agriculture instruction.
Evidence of applied research and/or experience in vegetable crop production, plant breeding, organic agriculture, greenhouse management and/or horticulture therapy.
Knowledge and experience with ecologically-sound crop management and production practices.
Demonstrated ability in working with the agricultural industry.
Experience with interdisciplinary undergraduate teaching teams.
Demonstrated ability and experience in academic program development and support.
Evidence of publications, grants, or other creative scholarship.
Knowledge of western United States agricultural production practices.
Student advising and other types of college/university service.
Participation in professional service activities in agriculture.
Demonstrated interest in community engagement.

Responsibilities: This tenure-track position carries responsibilities in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service. The successful candidate will provide lecture, laboratory, and field instruction in vegetable crops, greenhouse management, seed science and technology, crop breeding, and other lower and upper division undergraduate courses in the College of Agriculture. Actual teaching assignments are based upon the needs of the College. Additional responsibilities include:

Coordinate the academic mission of the Organic Vegetable Project at the University Farm and promote its continued development as a model for integrated teaching and crop production.
Serve as Major Academic Advisor to undergraduate students.
Serve as Faculty co-Advisor to the Crop Science and Horticulture Club.
Conduct disciplinary research relevant to teaching responsibilities and industry needs.
Serve on appropriate Program, College, and University committees.
Participate in outreach conferences, activities, and other programs within the College of Agriculture.
Work closely with the local agricultural community and maintain currency with respect to adaptation to climate change, evaluating cropping systems and horticultural varieties, including native species,
appropriate for long-term environmental sustainability and food security.

- Support campus and community collaborators associated with local food security initiatives.

The College: Is committed to creating high quality learning environments both inside and outside of the classroom, to providing service to the agricultural industry of the North State and the community at large, and to demonstrating sustainable agricultural practices. The College comprises 19 full-time faculty and over 975 undergraduates and offers programs leading to Bachelor of Science degrees in Animal Science, Agricultural Business, or Agriculture with options in Agricultural Science and Education or Crops, Horticulture, and Land Resource Management. Its faculty represents a wide range of interests, and the hallmark of our program is an integrated, multi- and inter-disciplinary undergraduate curriculum.

College academic programs are enhanced by the 800-acre university farm and 240 acres of rangeland. The Organic Vegetable Unit at the CSU, Chico University Farm consists of an aquaponics facility, raised beds, and 3 acres committed to research, course support, outreach, and marketing of produce to the community and campus. Campus support services, such as the library, distance education facilities, and student computer laboratories are easily accessible.

Job-related questions should be directed to:
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For disability-related accommodations, please call the ADA Coordinator at (530) 898-5959.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

An annual security report disclosing crime statistics for California State University, Chico can be obtained by contacting the Chico State University Police Department (530-898-5555) or by visiting: www.csuchico.edu/up/clery_report.shtml

The person holding this position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 (revised July 21, 2017) as a condition of employment.

All positions are contingent on funding.