



Family, Youth and
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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-4946
REQUISITION # 492416**

Title: Assistant Professor – Family and Consumer Economics

Location: Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
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Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by August 15, 2015. The position will be open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), 20% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), and 50% Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences.

The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area. Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

The area of specialization for this position is family and consumer economics with an emphasis on the understanding and improvement of family and youth financial literacy and behaviors. Specific duties will include (1) developing, implementing, and evaluating a statewide Extension program in the area of family and consumer economics; (2) providing leadership for state and

county faculty who provide Extension programs related to family and youth financial literacy, such as Florida Master Money Mentor, America Saves, and VITA; (3) planning and conducting a productive research program in consumer economics focused on theory and practice and leading to publication in high-quality peer-reviewed journals, and obtaining extramural funding to support the research program; (4) teaching graduate and/or undergraduate courses such as Family Resource Management, Personal Financial Planning, and Financial Counseling; (5) advising and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students; and (6) contributing to the Department's overall goals in scholarship and research and supporting shared governance through service on committees.

Qualifications

A doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Family and Consumer Sciences, Consumer Economics, or a closely related discipline is highly preferred. Applicants who have achieved ABD status will be considered. Candidates should have a track record of research and Extension/outreach work as well as demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Background Information

The Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences (<http://www.fyccs.ufl.edu>) is a unit in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research and Extension education programs.

The University of Florida (<http://www.ufl.edu>) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 50,000 students. UF is a member of the Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<http://cals.ufl.edu>), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://research.ifas.ufl.edu>), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu>), the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>), the Florida Sea Grant program (<http://www.flseagrant.org/>), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Education Centers (REC) located throughout the state, six Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2,500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1,200 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the

College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

The Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences (FYCS) has 28 faculty members and is located at the Gainesville campus. The interdisciplinary FYCS program has an undergraduate major with enrollment of over 400 students and a master's degree program with over 50 combined students enrolled in the online and on-campus options. The unit's sponsored research and Extension activities have generated in excess of \$17 million in grants and contracts over the course of the past year. The Department's mission is to enhance lifelong learning and the personal, social, economic and environmental well-being and resilience of diverse individuals, families and communities through state-of-the-art teaching, research, and Extension programs. The Department encompasses programs in youth development, family science, prevention science, community development/nonprofit leadership; human nutrition and health; 4-H youth development; food safety; housing; and consumer economics and resource management. The Department engages in collaborative working relationships with Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and other public and private universities in the U.S. and other countries.

Employment Conditions

This position is available immediately, and will be filled as soon as an acceptable applicant is available. Salary is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

Nominations

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name, title, and contact information, including phone and email, of the nominee and should be sent to the Search Committee Chair (see contact information below).

Application Information

Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <https://jobs.ufl.edu> (search for requisition # 492416) and submit:

- Application
- Cover letter that states applicant's interest in this specific position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
- Curriculum vita, which must include statement of current position and responsibilities
- Unofficial or official transcripts for all graduate work

In addition, individuals wishing to apply should **submit print copies** of the following to the Search and Screen Committee Chair (see address below):

- A signed letter of application that states applicant's interest in this specific position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed in this Position Announcement;
- Names and contact information of three references who have agreed to provide letters for the applicant upon request (letters will be requested after the initial screening process);

and

- Official transcript showing receipt of the doctoral degree **or** confirmation of receipt of the doctoral degree from Registrar's Office or Graduate School.

Contact Information

Please refer to Position # 0001-4946

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Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript(s) to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at <http://www.naces.org/> .

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida's 'Government in the Sunshine' and Public Records Laws. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.