POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Assistant Professor of Meat Science

Location: Department of Animal Sciences
         University of Florida
         Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
         Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit materials by November 1, 2017. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month, tenure-accruing position that will be 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 40% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), available in the Department of Animal Sciences, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties will include research and teaching with the primary focus to improve beef quality. The successful candidate will be expected to establish a nationally and internationally recognized extramurally funded research program to support Florida beef producers and meat processors. The individual will be expected to generate data appropriate for refereed as well as producer-ready publications. We seek an individual that can interact with on-going basic interdisciplinary programs in assessing fresh beef quality and palatability, predominantly tenderness and/or flavor, aspects of muscle and fat development/carcass composition, and ante- and postmortem processing methodologies. The selected individual will be expected to provide service to the growing regional fed beef industry in Florida and the immense Florida foodservice and retail industries. Applicants with additional expertise in food safety/One Health, value-added processing, product development, and/or functional foods are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will engage in scholarly activities related to instruction, including teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses, advising and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, participating in curriculum revision and enhancement, seeking funding for the teaching program, supervising undergraduate and graduate research and creative work, publishing teaching-related scholarship, producing learning tools, and engaging in professional development activities.
related to teaching and advising. Faculty are encouraged to support and participate in the CALS Honors Program, distance education, and international education. 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.

**Qualifications**

**Required:**
A Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in animal science, food science, or other related discipline is required. Candidates will also have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication and interpersonal relationships. Candidates must be supportive of the tripartite teaching, research and extension mission of the Land-Grant system, and have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Preferred:**
Postdoctoral experience is desirable.

**Background Information:**
Florida boasts large and vibrant beef, dairy and horse industries that have strong ties to research, teaching and extension programs within IFAS. The Department of Animal Sciences has an emphasis on the forage consuming species, particularly cattle and horses, and their products useful to humankind. This position is part of a significant investment in the animal sciences by the State of Florida that has resulted in substantial growth in the Department of Animal Sciences. There are significant strengths in the Department in the areas of physiology, nutrition and genetics that will serve as fertile collaborative potential for the incumbent to this position. The Department also has substantial farm facilities for housing beef and dairy cattle, horses, sheep and pigs for use by faculty in research, teaching and extension efforts.

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant and Sea-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 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 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.

**Employment Conditions**
This position is available January 1, 2018 and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

**Nominations**
Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

Please refer to Position # 00002550  
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Chair, Meat Science Search and Screen Committee  
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**Application Information**
- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [https://jobs.ufl.edu](https://jobs.ufl.edu) and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above  
  - Curriculum vitae  
  - Contact information (including email addresses) for 3 individuals willing to write letters of recommendation  
  - Unofficial transcripts

Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript 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/](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. Search committee meetings and interviews will be open to the public, and applications, resumes, and many other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.*