

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Research and Teaching in Turfgrass Science and Management Department of Plant & Soil Sciences University of Kentucky, Lexington

JOB TITLE: Assistant Professor.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This is a full time (12-month) tenure track position with a projected initial appointment of 75% research and 25% teaching.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This position is an essential part of the turfgrass program at the University of Kentucky and is needed to develop sustainable turfgrass management systems for the future including assessing the environmental impact of current turfgrass management practices. The appointee will conduct basic and applied research with both cool and warm season turfgrass species used in golf course, sports turf, parks, and/or urban/residential environments. The appointee is expected to mentor graduate students, publish in refereed journals, and obtain extramural funding to support a vigorous research program. Undergraduate education responsibilities include teaching two courses (PLS 515, Turfgrass Management and GEN 109/300, Turfgrass Seminar, both taught annually each autumn) and advising undergraduate turfgrass majors and student organizations. The successful candidate will be involved in expanding the undergraduate and graduate programs in turfgrass science through recruiting students and additional turfgrass-related curriculum development. The person in this position is integral to plans for program expansion which will include efforts in related green industry enterprises.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in agronomy, plant and soil science, horticulture, or related field. A strong interest in undergraduate education and the willingness to work as a member of an interdisciplinary team are required. Demonstrated performance in these areas is desirable. Research experience in turfgrass management is essential. Direct turfgrass management experience will be an asset. Evidence of written and oral communication skills is required.

RANK AND SALARY: The position will be filled at the Assistant Professor level. Salary, fringe benefits, and operating support are highly competitive with other leading land-grant universities.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applications will be accepted until February 9, 2009 or until a suitable applicant is selected. The position is available 1 July 2009. To apply for this position #SM524307, a UK Online Application must be submitted at <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=210728>. The application should include three documents: a cover letter and curriculum vitae with the names and addresses of three referees, university transcripts (scanned copies acceptable), and a 1 or 2 page statement of research interests relating to the focus of the position plus a brief statement of teaching interests and philosophy. If you have any questions concerning how to apply, contact HR/Employment, phone (859) 257-9555 press 2, or email ukjobs@email.uky.edu. Questions about the position can be directed to: Dr. Michael Barrett (Chair), Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, (mbarrett@uky.edu; telephone 859-257-5020, extension 80709).

Applications and inquiries from women and minorities are encouraged. The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications will be accepted without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The address of the College of Agriculture EEO Coordinator is Room S-101 Agriculture Science-North, Lexington, KY 40546-0091.