

University of Georgia  
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Department of Crop and Soil Sciences

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position:** Assistant/Associate Professor-Plant Nutrition, Soil Fertility. This position is a tenure-track appointment (60% Research and 40% Extension) in the University of Georgia's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. The position will be located at the Tifton Campus. The successful candidate will develop and support through extramural funding a contemporary research program focused on plant nutrition/soil fertility for row crops and participate in graduate education. The candidate will develop and deliver timely educational programs to various clientele, including county agents, growers, and industry representatives.

**Qualifications:**

- To be considered at either the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level, candidates must hold a PhD in crop and soil sciences, plant sciences, or closely related field of study.
- To be considered for the Associate Professor level, candidates must demonstrate clear and convincing evidence of emerging stature as a regional or national authority, as appropriate for the position's duties. This is consistent with UGA expectations for Associate Professors in Crop and Soil Sciences (For details of UGA promotion and tenure policies, see [https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/Crop\\_and\\_Soil\\_Science\\_2015.pdf](https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/Crop_and_Soil_Science_2015.pdf) and [https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/UGA\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_APT\\_42017online.pdf](https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/UGA_Guidelines_for_APT_42017online.pdf)).

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of plant nutrition, soil science, soil fertility and row crop agriculture
- Ability to function independently and to work effectively within a team including fellow soil scientists, commodity-oriented extension scientists and plant breeders.
- Ability to develop laboratory and field-oriented research program on nutritional regulation of crop production,
- Excellent organizational, written, and oral communication skills.
- Competent computer skills related to information-delivery technologies.

**Major Responsibilities:**

- Develop a robust, extramurally-funded research program on the mitigation of nutrient limitation of row crop production
- Investigate and evaluate new biological products designed to enhance nutrient uptake and efficiency in plants
- Publish research in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- Work closely with the UGA Soil Testing Lab in Athens on updating and calibrating fertilizer recommendations for row crops, including tissue and petiole sampling
- Provide assistance to county extension agents through demonstrations, in-service-trainings, meetings, county visits, and telephone consultations.
- Develop educational materials on plant nutrition, soil fertility and crop production.

**Other Information:** The University of Georgia is a comprehensive university with approximately 38,000 students in 15 schools and colleges. The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences resides in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The College operates at three campuses throughout the state: the main campus in Athens, GA; the Tifton

Campus located on the Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton, GA; and the Griffin Campus located on the Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin, GA. The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, with research and extension faculty at all three locations, conducts basic and applied research that is important to clientele throughout the state of Georgia and that adds to the body of knowledge basic to agricultural production and environmental preservation throughout the world. Research in the department is classed into three general areas: Cultivar Development, Genetics, and Biotechnology; Crop Management, Physiology, and Weed Management; and Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management.

The UGA Tifton Campus and the Coastal Plain Experiment Station are located in south central Georgia, approximately 65 miles north of the Georgia-Florida state line. This campus is currently celebrating 100 years of Excellence and employs over 500 people including at least 70 PhD scientists. The Coastal Plain Experiment Station is representative of the major row crop area of South Georgia, as well as the Southern Coastal Plain soil region that runs through nine Southeastern states. Tifton, nicknamed “The Friendly City,” has a population of approximately 17,000 and a rich agricultural heritage. Given its location and prevalence of major thoroughfares (e.g., I-75, US 41, US 82, US 319, etc.), Tifton is a major crossroads and a hub for the agricultural industry in the Southern Coastal Plain.

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience

**Application:** This job description is posted on UGA’s Human Resources page at <http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/33079>. Applications are taken via this website.

Any questions about this position should be addressed to:

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Professor  
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Applicants must submit the following documentation: curriculum vita with statement of interest and qualifications for this position; official transcripts; three letters of reference; and any other information that reflects on professional qualifications.

To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by November 10, 2018.

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