

Position Announcement: The Department of Soil and Crop Sciences is seeking applications for an Assistant Professor in Turfgrass Ecology headquartered at College Station. The position is an 11 or 12-month, tenure-track appointment with teaching and research responsibilities. The position is expected to develop a nationally recognized, extramurally funded research and graduate training program that focuses on the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of turfgrass systems.

Basic and applied research will emphasize the sustainability of turfgrass systems within and among urban/suburban ecosystems and landscapes. The successful candidate is expected to address important state and regional needs through effective interaction with professional industry associations and other faculty across departments within the University System. The successful candidate must have demonstrated effectiveness in research and communication and must be able to interact productively with a team of scientists from a range of disciplines, such as soil science, weed science, plant pathology, entomology, environmental physics, plant physiology, and breeding and genetics. This position will contribute to the transfer of knowledge to users (governmental agencies, industry, and nongovernmental land stewards) relative to the influence of turfgrass systems on urban/suburban ecological integrity. Participation in graduate student training and graduate education is expected and an opportunity exists to teach an advanced undergraduate course in turfgrass physiology and ecology.

This position requires a Ph.D. in agronomy, horticulture, weed science, plant ecology, plant biology, or plant science. Applicants must demonstrate writing ability and effective communication skills in English and have demonstrated the ability to take research to completion through publication(s) in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Post-doctoral experience or prior academic appointment is desirable. Experience in turfgrass systems, research grant development, and the use of multi-disciplinary systems approaches to solving ecological and management problems is desired. Interest and ability to work in interdisciplinary team research and instructional endeavors are essential.

Qualified individuals should submit: (i) letter of application; (ii) resume; (iii) one-page statement of research and teaching interests; (iv) names, addresses (physical and E-mail), and telephone numbers of three references from whom they have requested letters of recommendation; and (v) graduate transcripts.

Applications and letters of recommendation should be sent to:
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