JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**SOIL SCIENTIST POSITION**

**C.F. Dick Schendel Endowed Professorship in Soil Science**

Dept of Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Science

The Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Science (AGSC) in the Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture & Natural Resources at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) seeks a Soil Scientist at the Assistant/Associate Professor level to start by Fall semester 2019. This is a 9-month, 75% teaching/25% research tenure-track position where supplementary summer salary support is recommended through external grant support and/or summer teaching. As the candidate earns tenure status in the Dept of AGSC at TAMUK in this position then he/she will oversee the **C.F. Dick Schendel Endowed Professorship in Soil Science** that istied to this position.

We are seeking candidates that can link South Texas soil formation, morphology, classification and distribution to soil/crop management and ecosystems. The successful candidate will be expected to: 1) teach introductory and upper-level courses in soil science as well as introductory courses in environmental science, 2) develop a curriculum that will lead students towards the SSSA Certification in Soil Sciences, 3) develop an active, field-based research program that involves undergraduates and graduate student mentoring, 4) will seek and obtain external funding, and 5) forge working relationships with the TAMUK Citrus Center and Texas AgriLife Extension.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**: Ph.D. in Soil Science, Agronomy, Environmental Science or closely related field successfully completed by the appointment date. Applicant must have a Ph.D. or doctorate, in a relevant field, from an accredited institution by August 16, 2019. The candidate must have the ability to function independently and to work effectively within a team including fellow scientists and commodity-oriented extension scientist. The successful candidate must be able to communicate effectively (both verbally and in writing).

**RESPONSIBILITIES**: The preferred candidate will have experience teaching in classroom, laboratory, and in field settings, demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, and will demonstrate an ability to work with diverse populations. The successful applicant will be a critical member of a collaborative agriculture teaching and research team. The incumbent is expected to establish an externally funded, nationally recognized teaching and research program that provides leadership and scholarship in the areas of soil health/sustainability, ecosystem services, plant nutrition/soil fertility for row or horticulture crops and the scientist’s preferred research specialty area. The incumbent will teach undergraduate courses in introductory soil science, soil formation and classification (morphology), sustainable soil and water management, soil water movement in landscapes, soil health and plant productivity and coach the soil judging team. Graduate student mentoring is required as part of the promotion and tenure expectations within the Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

**Salary**: Commensurate with experience.

**Location**: Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) is located in Kingsville, a city of approximately 30,000 in southern coastal Texas. Kingsville is surrounded by the historic King Ranch® and is 40 miles south of Corpus Christi (population: 300,000), within 30 miles of Baffin Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, and a 2-hour drive to Mexico. TAMUK serves over 8,000 students. The Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness & Environmental Sciences offers degrees in Agribusiness and Agriculture Science with concentrations Plant & Soil Sciences and Environmental Sciences with faculty located at the main campus in Kingsville and at the TAMUK Citrus Center in Weslaco, Texas .

**Application**: Application may be completed online at: Qualified applicants should submit an application letter detailing teaching, professional, and research philosophies (research interests if seeking tenure-track appointment), a Curriculum Vitae or résumé stating education, experience and qualifications, copies of transcripts from all colleges attended, a completed application form, and letters of reference from three professionals.

Prior to issuing a letter of appointment, the final candidate selected for this position must submit **official transcripts** directly from each degree-granting institution to the Office of the Provost, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, MSC 102, Kingsville, Texas 78363-8202.

Questions about the position should be directed to:

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