

Extension Agent I - III – Agriculture and Natural
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University of Florida

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Job Title	Extension Agent I - III – Agriculture and Natural Resources (57980)
Department	College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: 60350000 - AG-COUNTY OPERATIONS: 60353064 - AG-VOLUSIA
Institution	University of Florida DeLand, Florida
Date Posted	Jan. 10, 2020
Application Deadline	Feb. 6, 2020
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Core Faculty
Academic Field(s)	Agricultural Extension Agricultural - General
Job Website	https://apply.interfolio.com/73030
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Job Description	

University of Florida: College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: 60350000 - AG-COUNTY OPERATIONS: 60353064 - AG-VOLUSIA

Location

DeLand, FL

Open Date

Jan 9, 2020

Deadline

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Feb 6, 2020 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Description

Our mission in the Florida Cooperative Extension Service is to partner with communities to provide quality, relevant education and research-based expertise to foster healthy people, a healthy environment, and a healthy economy. We are the resource that helps educate Floridians to address issues related to agriculture, horticulture, natural resources, youth development, families and communities.

The Univ. of Florida (UF) is a Land Grant institution with core values of unique purpose, excellence, integrity, collaboration and partnership, lifelong learning, diversity, responsiveness, innovation, communication, and global reach. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) employs more than 2,000 faculty and staff statewide. IFAS Extension employs 375 Extension Agents and has an office in each of Florida's 67 counties.

We hire the best. Diverse views and experience make us strong. We look for candidates with both academic and people skills who work well in teams, honor their commitments, innovate in a rapidly-changing world, and believe in inclusion. Working for Florida Cooperative Extension will allow you to make a positive impact in your community as you help shape future generations, growing your career while earning a competitive salary and great benefits.

As an Extension Agent, you will work jointly for UF/IFAS Extension and Volusia County, a growing area in east central Florida. We are looking for an individual with skills in agriculture and natural resources to specialize in livestock and forage production. You will be responsible for developing, delivering, evaluating, and reporting on science-based education programs with an emphasis on livestock, pasture management, invasive species management, protecting water quality, and natural resource conservation. In addition, you will provide educational support for 4-H youth development in livestock and environmental education. Your office will be located at the County Extension Office in DeLand.

What you will do:

Work with agricultural producers as a subject-matter expert, provide technical expertise, and specialize teaching on livestock and forage production, diagnostic services, agricultural best management practices, integrated pest management and precision agriculture.

Teach Master Naturalist training programs that include a volunteer management component. (<https://masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/>)

Use traditional and innovative educational methods to teach target audiences new practices, procedures, techniques, and skills that will result in documentable positive behavioral and/or practice change.

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Provide excellent customer service for the agricultural and natural resources industries through communication modes including online, telephone, email, social media, and personal contact. Work with extension agents and specialists in the Central Florida Livestock Agents Group (CFLAG) to plan and develop extension education programs of mutual interest. Develop an advisory committee to identify community needs, plan and review programs, and promote programs and accomplishments. Develop and sustain partnerships with community agencies and leaders, businesses, county government, media, and the public. Collaborate and provide support to local agricultural and natural resources groups including Florida Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, Beekeeper's Association, and Friends of the Master Naturalist Program chapter. Develop and deliver age-appropriate subject matter to support 4-H Youth Development. Attend and contribute to professional meetings, in-service trainings, and actively seek out professional development opportunities. Seek grants, contracts, or other funding and partnership opportunities to support extension programs. Carry out other duties as assigned by the County Extension Director or District Extension Director. Further information:

In the event of an emergency, Volusia County employees are considered essential personnel and may be required to perform alternate duties.

Extension is a partnership between state, federal, and county governments to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. As such, all partners are involved in the supervision of the office and contribute to the salary and support resources. The primary goal of Extension is to disseminate the latest knowledge and applicable technologies in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences in order to sustain and enhance the quality of human life. The UF/IFAS mission is accomplished through Extension faculty members, scientists, educators, administrative staff, and volunteers working cohesively throughout Florida's 67 counties.

Candidates will be reviewed as applications are received, but please be aware that interviews might not be scheduled until 4 to 6 weeks after the position closing date. Are you a good match? Apply today!

Qualifications

What you will bring (required):

A bachelor's degree in agriculture, animal science, or a closely related area.
Working knowledge of livestock, forage production, and natural resources.
Strong interpersonal and communication skills.

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A commitment to customer service.

Ability to obtain a pesticide license within 6 months of hire.

Ability to possess (or be able to obtain) a Florida driver's license.

Flexibility with working hours; willingness to work irregular hours, including evenings, weekends and overnight travel.

Ability to comply with the Memorandum of Understanding between Volusia County Government and the Univ. of Florida.

What you will bring (preferred):

A master's degree. If hired solely with a bachelor's degree, we want you to grow in your career.

Therefore, you will be expected to progress at least halfway towards obtaining a master's degree within 6 years of employment.

Practical experience in livestock production and Florida's ecosystems.

Experience providing environmental/conservation education to adults and/or youth.

Experience working with and managing volunteers.

Experience using a variety of educational methods including technology-enhanced and technology-based instruction to reach diverse audiences.

Experience obtaining extramural funding.

Excellent organizational skills and good record-keeping techniques.

Application Instructions

Apply at <http://apply.interfolio.com/73030> by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) of the posting end date, and attach:

Cover letter that describes how your experience and qualifications have prepared you for this position

Résumé or Curriculum vitae

The following documents are required and may either be submitted through the above link at the time of application, or sent separately to our office (below).

Previous Employment Form (located at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/prev_employment.pdf).

Unofficial copies of all transcripts and/or coursework of your academic degrees

A minimum of 3 reference rating forms (located at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/ref_form.pdf) from your professional/academic references. Reference forms will be kept on file for 1 year and will be automatically used with any of our extension agent positions you apply for during that time.

Reference rating forms and unofficial transcripts not submitted at the time of application should be submitted/postmarked by the next business day after the position's closing date. They may be submitted to:

Ms. Dana LeCuyer
UF IFAS Human Resources



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Selected candidate will be required to provide an 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).

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida’s Sunshine Law.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences is committed to creating an environment that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. The University and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of cultural events, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activities, and social opportunities.

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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