

Assistant/Associate/Professor (Rice Extension Specialist)  
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<b>Job Title</b>	Assistant/Associate/Professor (Rice Extension Specialist)
<b>Department</b>	Acadia Parish
<b>Institution</b>	LSU AgCenter Rayne, Louisiana
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<b>Application Deadline</b>	May 3, 2025
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Assistant Professor Associate Professor
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**Job Description**

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Work Location:** This position will be located at the H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station located in Rayne, Louisiana.

**Position Description:** This is a full-time 12-month, tenure-track position with an 80% extension and 20% research appointment focused on all aspects of rice production that are relevant to the Louisiana

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rice industry. This position is intended to be a primary point of contact for rice producers and crop consultants. The successful candidate must interact with commodity and agricultural industry partners to identify, develop, and implement critical extension programs and research projects. Collaboration with research and extension faculty within Louisiana, as well as with national experts on issues of shared interest and importance will be critical. Formal participation in multi-disciplinary, regional, or national research initiatives will be expected. Results of research should be published in peer-reviewed journals and other scientific/technical publications. Extramural funding to support the activities of the position should be solicited from federal and state agencies, commodity (state and national) research boards, and agro-industries.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop applied and mission-oriented extension and research programs, focused on production issues that are important to the rice industry. Collaborative and independent research efforts would be expected to be conducted at the HRC Rice Research Station, LSU AgCenter stations throughout the state, and/or on farm with cooperating producers. Extension responsibilities would include information and technology transfer as well as stakeholder and agent education. These efforts would be expected to be accomplished through a variety of delivery methods which could include, but are not limited to, demonstration trials, field days, producer meetings, contribution to commodity web pages, social media, agricultural trade magazines, and traditional extension methods (newsletters, blogs, email blasts, oral delivery, and formal extension publications). The faculty member would be expected to work with advisory committees to identify clientele needs, develop research and extension programs that respond to those needs, and assess program impact. Additional duties include participation in professional and technical meetings and other outreach as is necessary to inform producers, industry personnel, and other research scientists of project activities and findings. This position has the opportunity to train graduate students and serve on graduate student committees. This faculty member will report to the Resident Coordinator of the HRC Rice Research Station and the Southwest Regional Director.

**Qualification Requirements:** A Ph.D. in agronomy, soil science, plant pathology, plant breeding, entomology, weed science or other closely related agricultural field of study is required. Documented training in field crops research and agronomic production practices is critical to the success of the position. Applicants must have demonstrated effective oral, written and electronic communication skills necessary for presentations to a variety of audiences. Evidence of successful grantsmanship, research activity, and stakeholder interaction will be important considerations. The ability to multi-task and work in a team environment with research and extension faculty representing other disciplines is critical.

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working with the US rice industry and/or knowledge of production farming practices and challenges is strongly desired.

**Salary and Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

**Date Available:** Upon completion of the selection process.

**Application Deadline:** May 3, 2025 or until a suitable candidate is identified

**Application Procedure:** Apply online at <https://LSU.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching cover letter with resume including a statement of professional interest and goals, official university transcripts, and two letters of reference. Questions about the online application system should be directed to the HRM Office at 225/578-0324. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

Dr. Kathryn Fontenot, Regional Director

Southwest Region Office

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