

ASSOCIATE or FULL PROFESSOR IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (Cluster Hire)

University of California, Riverside

The University of California, Riverside (UCR) is embarking on a major new hiring initiative that will add 300 tenure track positions in 33 cross-disciplinary areas selected through a peer-reviewed competition. Over the next three years, we will hire multiple faculty members in each area and invest in research infrastructure to support their work. This initiative will build critical mass in vital and emerging fields of scholarship, foster cross disciplinary work and further diversify the faculty at one of America's most diverse research universities. We encourage applications from scholars committed to excellence and seeking to help redefine the research university for the next generation. For more details, please visit clusterhiring.ucr.edu.

As part of this cluster hire, the University of California, Riverside invites applications for a senior faculty appointment at the Associate or Full Professor level in Agricultural Economics with a focus on agricultural production of citrus, other perennial crops such as grapes or avocado, and other annual crops important to southern California.

Citrus production in California has been on the rise in the past decade, reaching 270,000 acres in 2014 and a market value of \$2.2 billion. The main production regions of citrus have shifted from southern California, due to changes in land use patterns and regulations, which led to increasing challenges such as water scarcity, water quality, and diseases. In addition to citrus, this position will provide an opportunity to engage in a variety of emerging economic issues of the state's multi-billion fruits and nuts industry (e.g. almonds, walnuts and pistachios \$9.3 billion, and grapes \$5.2 billion).

The University of California, Riverside has been an internationally renowned center of excellence in citrus research for more than a century, and is currently in the process of making a cluster of hires in citrus related research in the areas of science, management, and economics.

Applicants should have an established record of outstanding research accomplishment in production economics. Applicants should have a demonstrated ability to conduct interdisciplinary and international work with researchers and practitioners on various aspects of the production of crops. Potential research areas may include assessment of disease and pest prevention and management programs, adoption of new technologies, or the development of growth models. Responsibilities include developing a strong interdisciplinary research program on citrus and other crops, and teaching/advising undergraduate, M.Sc. and Ph.D. students. The selected person's home will likely be the School of Public Policy with a potential joint appointment with the Department of Economics, or another relevant department, depending on the preference of the candidate and the host departments. The selected person will also be expected to provide leadership in research, collaborating with researchers from the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, other universities in the nation and with international universities and research centers, and to develop collaborative relationships with other units on campus.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or a related field. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with education and experience. Advancement through the faculty ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input.

Complete applications will include a cover letter of interest, a current CV, samples of research work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, statement of research, and names and contact information of 5-7 references. All materials must be uploaded using UCR's on-line application system located at <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00479>. Review of the applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, applications and supporting material should be received by January 15, 2016.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.