

Job Ad

Assistant/Associate Specialist in Citrus Breeding

A grant-funded position for a citrus scion breeder is available March 1, 2011 at the University of California, Riverside. The successful candidate will join a research team developing and evaluating new citrus varieties using hybridization-selection, mutation breeding, marker-assisted selection and field trials. The minimum requirement is a M.S. degree in plant breeding or a closely related area. A Ph.D. is desirable. Experience with citrus or other tree crop breeding is desirable but not required. The successful candidate will have expertise in plant breeding including statistical analysis of field trials. Knowledge of DNA marker analysis is desirable. Specific responsibilities include hybridization, mutation induction, field trial design, collection and statistical analysis of data on tree performance and fruit quality, initial selection of candidate varieties, and drafting grant proposals, reports, technical and semi-technical publications. Excellent written and oral communication skills required, ability to communicate in Spanish is desirable. A valid driver's license and ability to travel to distant trial sites is required. Renewal of the appointment will be contingent upon the availability of adequate funding and individual performance. The starting salary for Assistant Specialist I is \$38,942 per year and that for Associate Specialist I is \$48,372. Although the initial appointment is for one year, this is expected to be a long-term position since the program has been funded continuously since 1995.

Application Procedure - Applicants should email a CV along with names and contact information of 3 references to the PI's contact below. Please indicate "Specialist – Citrus Breeding" in the email subject. The applicants are encouraged to visit the project website at <http://plantbiology.ucr.edu/faculty/roose.html>.

Inquiries should be sent to Dr. Mikeal L. Roose, via email to mikeal.roose@ucr.edu

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