

Assistant/Associate CE Specialist in Citrus Horticulture

The Department of Botany & Plant Sciences at the University of California, Riverside invites applications for an Assistant- or Associate-level Specialist position in Cooperative Extension in the area of horticultural research and extension. This fiscal year appointment position is available January 1, 2019, with a 90% Cooperative Extension and 10% Organized Research tenure track appointment in the Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/aes/>), which includes the responsibility to conduct research and outreach relevant to the mission of the California Agricultural Experiment Station. The position will be housed at the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) Lindcove Research and Extension Center in Exeter, California.

The position's responsibilities focus on maximizing citrus production and improving its efficiency as ongoing and new challenges emerge. Examples of issues important to citrus include the impact of huanglongbing and other emerging diseases, the effects of drought, salinity and climate change, labor/mechanization issues and the optimization of new varieties. We seek a specialist who will: 1) develop an internationally recognized and extramurally funded basic and applied citrus horticultural research program based on a needs assessment. 2) Provide leadership in planning and coordination of extension education in citrus horticulture for growers, CE Farm Advisors and the general public. 3) Collaborate with a wide range of UC colleagues, including UC ANR workgroups and Program Teams, CE Farm Advisors and Specialists, UC Agricultural Experiment Station faculty and other regional, national and international experts in the fields of horticulture, pest management and environmental quality.

The successful candidate's work will be aligned with the Sustainable Food Systems Strategic Initiative within UC ANR. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Performance of departmental and university service is also expected.

Assistant track Specialist applicants must hold a Ph.D. in horticulture, agronomy, pomology, physiology, plant sciences or a related discipline and have demonstrated experience in applied research. Postdoctoral experience is preferred, as is applied research in the field of tree crop production and horticulture. Associate track Specialist applicants must hold a Ph.D. in horticulture, agronomy, pomology, physiology, plant sciences or a related discipline and have demonstrated leadership in applied research. Professional experience in the field of tree crop production and horticulture is required. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

To apply: Application materials for the Assistant Professor position should be submitted through <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00928>. Associate level applicants should apply through <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00929>.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, publication list, a statement of research interests and goals (3 pages maximum), a statement of extension interests and philosophy (2 pages maximum), a statement of contributions to diversity, up to three select reprints of publications or manuscripts in press, and arrange for 3 reference letters to be uploaded to the recruitment website.

Additional inquiries regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Philippe Rolshausen, Search Committee Chair (email: philrols@ucr.edu). For inquiries regarding the application process, please contact Eric Chong, Academic Personnel at eric.chong@ucr.edu. The position will remain open until filled. Review of applications will begin July 29, 2018; to ensure consideration, applications should be received prior to review date. Additional information about the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences can be found at <http://plantbiology.ucr.edu/>.

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Advancement through the Specialist in Cooperative Extension series 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. UC ANR is the statewide division of the University of California that administers Cooperative Extension and serves as the bridge between local issues and the power of UC research.

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