



Position: Assistant Professor, Herbaceous Ornamental Crop Development and Production Specialist, 11-month, 75% teaching, 25% research appointment.

Position Description: The successful candidate will provide leadership and conduct scholarly activities in teaching and research to support Oklahoma's ornamental plant industries. New crop development for industry expansion and profitability is desired. The successful candidate will be expected to develop nationally recognized programs of excellence that contribute to DASNR's Second Century Initiatives. The successful candidate will be expected to participate in a multidisciplinary interdepartmental teaching, research and extension commercial horticulture team. The candidate will be expected to teach two courses each semester, publish refereed and non-refereed articles, and secure extramural funding from public and private sources. Collaboration with other institutions and state and national agencies is expected. The candidate of choice will serve as a member and/or chair of committees at the national, state, university, division, and/or departmental levels in areas pertaining to his/her expertise.

Specific Teaching Responsibilities: The faculty member will teach two courses each semester. Fall courses would include HORT 1013 - Principles of Horticultural Science and HORT 3113 - Greenhouse Management. Spring classes would include HORT 1013 and HORT 3084 - Plant Propagation. Support materials for these established courses are available. Guest lectures to support the department's flowering and fruiting in horticultural crops course (HORT 5422) are expected. Classes taught will use multimedia and online distance delivery of course content where appropriate. He/She will advise graduate and undergraduate students, be the lead faculty advisor to one or more departmental student organizations, and serve on pertinent departmental committees.

Specific Research Responsibilities: The candidate will focus on herbaceous ornamental crop development, evaluation and selection of greenhouse and/or field grown crops with superior traits for Oklahoma's climate. Specific research could include development (breeding included) and screening of ornamental plants for abiotic and biotic plant stress tolerances and water use efficiencies.

Development of crops that can be produced using more environmentally friendly production practices (low input production requirements – water, fertilizer, etc.) will be of interest. Other research thrusts or areas of interest, relevant to herbaceous ornamentals, will be considered.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Horticulture, with an emphasis in herbaceous ornamentals and evidence of scholarly works is required. Training and experience in greenhouse management is required. Multimedia and distance education instructional skills are highly desirable.

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience. Medical, retirement, and life insurance benefits are provided with the opportunity to participate in long-term disability, dental, and vision programs.

To Apply: For full consideration, send a letter addressing pertinent qualifications, curriculum vitae, official college transcripts, and the name, address, e-mail and phone number of three references to:

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Review of applicants will begin on December 1, 2007 and continue until a suitable candidate is found.

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