POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00015087
REQUISITION # 42823

Title: Professor and Chair, Food and Resource Economics Department

Location: Food and Resource Economics Department
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by 15 February 2019. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
This is a 12-month tenure-track position available in the Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), at the University of Florida. The Chair will be responsible for leadership and coordination of teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), and Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) functions in the Department and for coordination with Directors of Research and Education Centers that have food and resource economics faculty members. Administrative responsibilities will include program development and coordination; management of fiscal, personnel, and physical resources assigned to the Department; faculty recruitment and promotion; liaison with state, federal, and international agencies and professional and private sector organizations; cooperation with other units within the University; and promotion of funding opportunities for the Department. The Chair must work effectively with Department faculty and IFAS Administration in program planning and implementation and facilitation of multidisciplinary research, graduate and undergraduate teaching, and extension programs related to the Department’s mission. The Chair will interact with other department chairs, research and education center directors, and county extension directors to foster cooperation among faculty in other administrative units in IFAS as well as other relevant UF units, such as the Economics and Statistics departments. The Chair, in coordination with statewide Food and Resource Economics faculty and the departmental steering committee, is expected to maintain and amend as necessary the vision and strategic plan of the department.

QUALIFICATIONS
An earned doctorate (foreign equivalent acceptable) in agricultural economics or closely related field is required. Candidates must have a strong record of research, teaching and/or extension; and commitment
to the highest standards of professional activity, faculty engagement and mentorship, and graduate and undergraduate education. The candidate should demonstrate leadership ability, integrity, and administrative skills; an excellent record of scholarly and program accomplishments commensurate with the rank of tenured professor; outstanding communication skills with a variety of audiences; and a strong commitment to the leadership and management needs of a comprehensive academic unit. The Chair must have experience in fostering collaborative relationships within the public and private sectors and a keen interest in doing so within the Department, IFAS, and the University, and at the state, federal, and international levels. Candidates must understand and be supportive of the land-grant system and of IFAS’s core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**
The Food and Resource Economics Department (FRED) has approximately 30 faculty members, 10 support staff positions in Gainesville, and six faculty members spread across five research and education centers throughout the state. FRED faculty teach a wide variety of courses in academic programs based in Gainesville and off site in Plant City, Florida (see http://fred.ifas.ufl.edu), from agribusiness marketing, to natural resource/environmental economics, to welfare economics and trade theory. FRED averages approximately 300 undergraduate majors/year, and 60-80 M.S., Ph.D., and Master of Agribusiness students. Research and Extension efforts reflect both the needs of the State and the mission of the Agricultural Economics profession.

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 53,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (http://ifas.ufl.edu) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (http://cals.ufl.edu), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (http://research.ifas.ufl.edu), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu), the College of Veterinary Medicine (http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu), the Florida Sea Grant program (http://www.flseagrant.org/), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (REC) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

**Nominations**
Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. This information should be sent to the address below.
**Application Information**

Individuals wishing to apply must go online to [http://apply.interfolio.com/59429](http://apply.interfolio.com/59429) and submit:

a. Letter of application that states applicant’s interest in the position, qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, previous professional responsibilities and achievements, administrative and management philosophy, and how these relate to the chairs’ position;

b. A vision statement and the applicant’s general strategy for building and sustaining the core strength of the department;

c. Complete vita (which includes statement of current position and responsibilities); and

d. Letters of recommendation from three individuals who are knowledgeable about the applicant’s qualifications for this position.

**Contact Information and Nomination Submission**

Please refer to Position # 00015087 and forward all nominations to:

**Dr. Tracy Irani**
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
Family, Youth and Community Sciences Department
3001 McCarty Hall, PO Box 110310
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611
Telephone: 352-273-3446; Facsimile: 352-392-8196
Email: irani@ufl.edu

Selected candidate will be required to provide an official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)](http://www.naces.org).

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida’s Sunshine Law.

The [University of Florida](http://www.ufl.edu) is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The [Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences](http://www.ifas.ufl.edu) is committed to creating an environment that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. The University and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of cultural events, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activities, and social opportunities.