POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Kansas State University

Position: Assistant/Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, 9-month appointment, tenure-track.

Location: Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

Date Available: January 1, 2016 or until filled.

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University seeks to fill a tenure-track assistant/associate professor position in the economics of risk management.

The Department has a reputation for excellence in all three functions of the University’s land grant mission (teaching, research, and extension). The successful candidate is expected to be an active contributor to the Department’s teaching and research programs. The Department offers B.S. degrees in agricultural economics and agribusiness, an M.S. degree in agricultural economics, a Master of Agribusiness (MAB) degree, and a Ph.D. in economics with a specialization in agricultural economics. Currently, over 470 undergraduate and 120 graduate students are enrolled in our programs.

Areas of teaching and research emphasis will be in risk management covering issues such as biosecurity; food safety; weather; regulation; enterprise risk management; financial, commodity or, energy markets; and exchange rates. Furthermore, this position will collaborate with the Center for Risk Management Education and Research (http://www.k-state.edu/riskmanagement/) and contribute to the University’s Global Food Systems Initiative (www.ksu.edu/globalfood/). The Department is known for research and extension programs that addresses real-world problems in local, state, national, and global agriculture and agribusiness. More information on the Department can be found at www.ageconomics.ksu.edu.

Responsibilities:
• Develop and deliver nationally and internationally recognized teaching and research programs
• Teach at least two classes a year at the undergraduate and/or graduate level; the specific course appointments will be based on department needs and applicant’s areas of expertise
• Advise and direct research by undergraduate and graduate students
• Attract grant funds to support teaching and research programs
• Develop collaborative programs with other faculty, units, and departments at Kansas State University, and with allied industry organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders.
• Create an environment that fosters diversity and collegiality while working in a multi-cultural setting

Required Qualifications:
• Earned doctoral degree in agricultural economics, applied economics, economics, or closely related field
Commitment to excellence in classroom instruction
Strong record of academic achievement
Excellent written and oral communication skills
Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity

Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience in classroom teaching
• Research publications in the peer-reviewed press
• Experience in writing grant proposals
• Self-starting and independently motivated. Ability to advance project activities with a minimum of supervision

Salary and Benefits: This is an unclassified position at Kansas State University. The salary will be commensurate with the qualifications of the applicant. The K-State benefit package includes a retirement plan, group health and life insurance, worker’s compensation, vacation, sick leave and other benefits. For additional information on benefits, see www.ksu.edu/hr/benefitshttp://www.k-state.edu/hr/current-employees/benefits/summary.html.

How to Apply: Qualified persons are invited to apply by sending the following materials: (1) a letter of application that includes a statement of professional goals for teaching and research; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; (3) transcripts of all university-level work, and (4) teaching evaluations if they are available, and (5) a job market paper and/or sample research paper. In addition, (6) three letters of reference should be arranged to be sent and received by the application deadline.

Application materials (pdf files preferred) should be sent electronically to: Judy Maberry, Program Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, 342 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 66506, Email: judym@ksu.edu, please use subject line “Ag Econ Risk Management.” Questions and inquiries of interest may be made to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Ted Schroeder (Phone 785-532-4488, tcs@ksu.edu).

Minority and female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. A background check is required prior to hiring.

Closing Date: Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Kansas State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other non-merit reasons (including employment of disabled veterans and veterans of the U.S. Military).