

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor, Weed Science Extension Specialist

POSITION DESCRIPTION: This is an 11-month, tenure-track, 85% extension and 15% teaching position.

EXTENSION RESPONSIBILITIES: Lead in planning, implementing, and evaluating educational programs to transfer small grains and canola weed management technologies to Oklahoma stakeholders. The successful candidate will be actively engaged with Extension and industry personnel and will be expected to interact with state and federal agency personnel as necessary. Participation in Plant and Soil Sciences departmental Extension efforts and Weed Science IPM as well as effective oral and written communication including use of electronic media and innovative information delivery methods are essential. The position will require development of an applied extension field research and demonstration program, training and support of Extension field staff, and periodic impact assessment of Extension activities. Extension outreach efforts will include appropriate concern for environmental quality and ground water protection, stewardship of weed control technologies, as well as agronomic production potential of recommended practices. Opportunities for funding exist through the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Oilseed Commission, state and federal competitive grants, and industry support.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will teach an undergraduate class on agronomic weed control in Oklahoma cropping systems and a corresponding lab course with hands-on, applied activities. The successful candidate may also provide leadership to the weed science team and advise graduate and undergraduate students.

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum qualifications include: i) Ph.D. in Weed Science or closely related field with major emphasis on weed management in agronomic crops, ii) evidence of ability to communicate orally and in writing, iii) ability to work effectively in a team environment with Extension and agribusiness personnel, iv) ability to develop proposals to seek extramural funding for program support, v) ability to effectively instruct undergraduate and graduate students, and vi) skills regarding the effective use of electronic media in education and communication of technical information. Preferred qualifications include: i) previous experience in Extension and/or outreach activities, ii) teaching experience, and iii) evidence of the ability to publish in peer reviewed journals.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Will be competitive with other leading land grant universities and commensurate with training and experience. Continuation of this position is subject to performance, need, and available funding.

DATE AVAILABLE: May 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as qualified candidate is available.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of applications will begin March 22, 2012, and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Send letter of interest, curriculum vita, official transcripts, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to:

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