

## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Position:** Assistant Professor, Apiculturist (12-month, tenure-track, 100% Extension)

**Location:** University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA); Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology; Knoxville, Tennessee

**Effective Date:** Screening of applicants will begin May 15, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled.

**Overview:** The successful applicant will develop and deliver a vibrant Extension Apiculture educational program with a supporting applied-research component designed to resolve problems of importance to the beekeeping industry in Tennessee. This individual will provide leadership in Extension and outreach education that meets the needs of clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or veteran status.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Provide technical expertise on honeybee management.
- Fully develop a statewide, county-based, honeybee program for hobbyist beekeepers.
- Develop an advanced certificate program suitable for commercial and sideline beekeepers.
- Use traditional and innovative outreach tools to educate a diverse audience including beekeepers, Extension agents and specialists, regional and state leaders, gardeners, etc.
- Provide leadership, including curriculum development, to the 4-H Bee Project.
- Develop an applied research program related to beekeeping, pollinator health, and pollination.
- Secure funding from appropriate sources and publish the results of research and other creative activities.
- Participate in the training of graduate students and provide service to the department, the university, and professional societies or organizations.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- The candidate must have a Ph.D. in Entomology or related discipline.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

### **Desirable Qualifications:**

- Advanced knowledge and experience in beekeeping.
- The ideal candidate will have experience in assessing and improving honeybee health that includes pest and pathogen diagnosis and treatment, bee nutrition, bee genetics, queen breeding, honey production, and pollination.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate and collaborate with diverse audiences including faculty, stakeholders, and other clientele.
- Evidence of scholarship through scientific presentations and publications.
- Familiarity with the production of commercial fruit, vegetable or other agricultural commodities that benefit from pollination.
- Expertise with modern communication strategies such as web-based publications and use of social media.
- We encourage applications from candidates that have the demonstrated ability to foster diversity.

**The University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK)** is the state's flagship research institution, a campus of choice for outstanding undergraduates and a premier graduate institution. As a land-grant university, it is committed to excellence in scholarship, learning and service and aims to enrich and elevate society.

**Knoxville** is situated in a valley between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cumberland Plateau, areas of great beauty and among the most bio-diverse in the USA. Knoxville is a city of 200,000 offering many amenities of urban life. Knoxville has a beautiful and walkable downtown, active neighborhoods, and eclectic cultural activities, restaurants, and shopping. Trip Advisor recently named Knoxville a Top Ten Destination on the Rise. Knoxville is located within easy driving distance to Asheville, Atlanta, and Nashville.

**The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology (EPP)** resides within the Institute of Agriculture at The University of Tennessee and adheres to the three-pronged mission of land grant universities by providing quality research, teaching and Extension, including outreach, to the citizens of Tennessee and elsewhere. The Department has an excellent reputation in research, teaching and Extension and excels at fulfilling its mission to advance scientific knowledge and to provide science-based information to improve the sustainability of food and fiber production, protection of natural resources, and the lives of all people in Tennessee and across the world. EPP Extension is the outreach unit of the Institute of Agriculture and is recognized nationally for delivering research-based information about agriculture and pests to the people of Tennessee. The EPP Department currently has 25 full-time faculty members with expertise in diverse areas of entomology and plant pathology. The successful candidate will have access to ten research and education centers located across the state. The department offers masters and doctoral degrees and an undergraduate minor. The recruited individual for this position will have opportunities for collaboration within the department and across UTIA. The successful candidate will have an excellent opportunity to play a role in the direction of growth of the department as several new hires are anticipated. For more information about the department, visit our web site at: <http://epp.tennessee.edu/>.

**Salary and benefits** are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits available include group medical insurance, dental insurance, group and individual life insurance, long-term disability insurance, workers' compensation, retirement plan with UT contribution, sick leave, annual leave, paid holidays and administrative leave days, unemployment compensation, educational discounts, and use of University Services.

**To apply**, send a cover letter detailing your interest and your CV in a single PDF file via e-mail to Mr. Chris Maguigan ([cmaguigan@utk.edu](mailto:cmaguigan@utk.edu)), Entomology and Plant Pathology. Also, please arrange for official transcripts and three letters of reference to be e-mailed to Mr. Maguigan. Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to the chair of the search committee: Dr. Scott Stewart by phone (731-267-6085) or e-mail ([sdstewart@utk.edu](mailto:sdstewart@utk.edu)).

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