FACULTY POSITION

California State University Stanislaus
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POSITION:POSITION TITLE & DESCRIPTION: The Agricultural Studies Program invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, Plant Science. The person appointed to this position will teach in some of the following areas: production and management of fruits and tree nuts, vegetables, integrated pest management, water and nutrients management, and precision agriculture. Additional duties will include: course development, establishing an active student-focused experiential learning research program on fruits, nuts and/or vegetables. Other responsibilities will include student mentoring and advising a highly diverse student population. Effective teaching, scholarly productivity, and service to the University are required for retention, promotion, and tenure. This is an academic year appointment. Opportunities may exist for additional grant-funded Summer activities and interdisciplinary projects on the 2-acre sustainable garden.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: PhD or equivalent degree required in Plant Science, Agronomy, Pomology, Horticulture or a closely related field. Candidates with ABD status will be considered beyond the initial round of review only if the dissertation advisor confirms the candidate is on track to complete all requirements for the Ph.D. by August 18, 2015.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Preference for candidates who provide evidence of effective teaching at the college level. Post-doctoral research or extension experience will strengthen an applicant’s candidacy, as will a strong background or research interest in fruits and tree nut production. Previous experience in working across disciplines to develop student experiential learning research programs is highly desired.

HOW TO APPLY & DEADLINE: A complete application must include: an application letter, specifically addressing the position description and qualifications; copies of graduate transcripts; a professional résumé, three letters of reference; and a statement of teaching philosophy. Official transcripts will be required at the time of hire. Screening of complete application files will begin on December 2, 2014. The position will remain open until filled. This appointment begins in August 19, 2015.

Send electronic applications, and all other correspondence concerning this position vacancy, to:
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COMPENSATION: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. As a member of the 23-campus CSU System, we offer an extremely competitive benefits package.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COLLEGE: [The college of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences exemplifies excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service and is home to the School of the Arts, the Council for Sustainable Futures, and six centers and institutes including the Center for Portuguese Studies and the Center for Public Policy Studies.

The Bachelor of Arts in Agricultural Studies is a multidisciplinary program blending contributions from several of academic departments in support of upper division core courses serving four concentrations: Agricultural Biology, Agricultural Business/Economics, Sustainable Agriculture, and a Special Concentration. The program also depends on and fosters sustainable relationships with area community colleges through the implementation of a “2+2” curricula design. Students majoring in the program are encouraged to explore diverse approaches to agricultural production, distribution, and management within evolving economic and environmental settings. Experiential learning and applied research opportunities are supported within each concentration, with the use of a 2-acre sustainable garden and a 100-tree citrus grove. The Agricultural Studies major is offered through the College of Humanities & Social Sciences. The academic programs participating in the major include Agricultural Studies, Biology, Economics, Geography, Political Science and Public Administration. To learn more about the Agricultural Studies program at CSU Stanislaus, please visit our Web site at: www.csustan.edu/AgStudies.htm ]
CAMPUS & AREA: California State University Stanislaus serves the San Joaquin Valley and is a critical educational resource for a six county region of approximately 1.5 million people. Widely recognized for its quality academic programs, the University has 10 nationally accredited programs and approximately 400 full-time faculty. Over eighty percent of full time faculty holds doctorates or terminal degrees in their fields. The University offers 41 undergraduate majors, 24 master’s programs, 7 post-graduate credentials, and a doctorate in education serving 8,900 students. New instructional facilities have been built for the unique pedagogy of professional programs, laboratory sciences, and performing arts.

CSU Stanislaus continues to receive national recognition with its ranking as one of the best 373 colleges in the nation by The Princeton Review. The University was one of 12 public universities in the nation to be recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for demonstrating exceptional performance in retention and graduation rates. In addition, U.S. News and World Report ranks CSU Stanislaus as one of “The Top Public Universities-Master’s” institutions in the West in its America's Best Colleges ratings. CSU Stanislaus also is recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
The university is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, religion, color, ancestry, age, disability, genetic information, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, medical condition, National origin, sex, sexual orientation, covered veteran status, or any other protected status. You can learn more about federal equal employment opportunity protections by accessing the Department of Labor’s notices: 
http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/regs/compliance/posters/pdf/eeopost.pdf and

Individuals with disabling conditions who require accommodation during the recruitment process may contact the ADA Coordinator at (209) 667-3159.

In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification document form upon hire.

MANDATED REPORTER PER CANRA
The person holding this position is considered a ‘mandated reporter’ under the California Child Abuse And Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

CLERY ACT DISCLOSURE

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CLEARANCE NOTICE
The university requires a criminal and child abuse background check to be completed for many of its new employees, current employees seeking promotional or transfer opportunities, and current employees assigned new duties. Failure to consent to a background check will disqualify an applicant from further consideration. Additionally, an applicant who fails to provide the necessary information or who provides false or misleading information may also be disqualified from further consideration. Later discovery of false or misleading information related to the background check may subject the employee to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.