POSITION AVAILABLE:

Extension Urban Horticulture Specialist- Assistant/Associate Professor (75% Extension/25% Research). Tenure track. NMSU, Extension Plant Sciences. Ph.D. required in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, or closely related field with emphasis on and/or experience in residential gardening, landscaping and/or ornamental horticulture and landscape industries. The position will be based at the Agricultural Science Center in Los Lunas, NM with statewide responsibilities and is housed in the Extension Plant Sciences Department (EPS) and Plant and Environmental Sciences Department (PES). EPS has a mission to extend research-based knowledge and technology that will enable producers, clientele and citizens to improve the quality of their lives and enhance the agricultural, economic, environmental and social well-being of New Mexico citizens. EPS is comprised of specialists who work collaboratively to actively disseminate leading-edge technology to diverse clientele in New Mexico. PES has a mission to provide academic instruction, research and service that focuses on agronomic crop, fruit and nut tree, vegetable, and horticultural production as well as soil management in semi-arid ecosystems. Research and graduate advising opportunities are available within PES. Facilities available at the Los Lunas ASC include 200 acres of irrigable land with a wide range of soil types and both conventional and organic areas, greenhouses and laboratories, planting/transplanting equipment, storage cold room and cold frame, incubation/drying and other sample preparation equipment, as well as a broad diversity of established plant species including introduced and native grasses, annual/perennial forbs, ornamentals, and fruit and pecan tree orchards. The Los Lunas ASC is located 30 miles south of Albuquerque and is approx. 200 miles north of main campus in Las Cruces, NM. The ASC offers excellent opportunities for field-based research and collaboration. In addition, the Los Lunas ASC is housed with and shares a unique relationship with the USDA Plant Materials Center that is responsible for the development of plants used for rangeland improvement, erosion control, wildlife habitat improvement, and stabilization of critical areas. Applicants should have a strong background in horticultural science and ornamental and gardening plants suitable for arid environments. Knowledge of pest challenges in urban settings and practical integrated pest management techniques and experience in extension work is desirable. The successful candidate will be responsible for a progressive statewide Extension educational program in horticulture science including basic botany, plant identification and management, landscape design, with special emphasis on water conservation in the urban landscape. Valid driver’s license required; personal auto required, reimbursed at IRS rate per mile. Application must be submitted online by: 08/16/2015. For complete job description, qualifications and application process visit: http://hr.nmsu.edu/jobs/. CES tab posting 1500066F.

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