

Position Title - Associate/Professor of Viticulture & Enology

Description

The Department of Plant and Soil Science (PSS), Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas seeks applications for a tenure-track associate professor/professor in viticulture and enology located at the TTU facility in Fredericksburg, Texas. The successful candidate will provide leadership for existing research, teaching, and outreach engagement programs in viticulture and enology, and is expected to guide development of a new program in local food and wine production systems. Interest in and extensive experience with grapes and other temperate fruit crops is highly desired.

This is a 9-month, academic appointment with responsibilities for teaching, research and service. The successful candidate is expected to establish a grant-supported research program primarily focused on applied research addressing critical needs of the Texas grape and wine industry; and secondarily on sustainable production practices for temperate fruit crops. Fruit crops of interest include, but are not limited to blackberry, strawberry, blueberry, peach, and apple. Collaboration with researchers at Texas Tech and other educational institutions and government agencies, when appropriate, is expected. All faculties are expected to provide services to the department, college, university, and community.

The successful candidate will contribute to the continuous advancement of teaching and mentoring at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Teaching responsibilities include an undergraduate and graduate course in viticulture and enology, development of a new course in sustainable fruit and nut crop production, and undergraduate and graduate student advising. The successful candidate will provide local (Fredericksburg) coordination for PSS programs, oversee student recruitment, and assist with development efforts to secure scholarships and other program support. He/she is also expected to provide leadership for outreach and engagement activities including continuation of the successful Viticulture Certificate and Winemaking Certificate programs. In addition, he/she will develop a new certificate program in sustainable fruit and vegetable production. It will be very important for the successful candidate to effectively engage the local community, and to develop and maintain an excellent working relationship with grape and wine producers, fruit and vegetable producers, producer organizations, government agencies, and other relevant entities.

Requirements

Candidates must have an earned Ph.D. in Plant Science, Horticulture or closely related field. Research and teaching experience in production of wine grapes and other fruit crops is required. Demonstrated ability for interdisciplinary collaboration, publishing high-quality scientific research, and grantsmanship consistent with tenure-track associate professor/professor rank are expected. It is highly desirable that the candidate be active at the national level in professional societies and related viticultural organizations, and has extensive knowledge of and experience with the wine grape industry. Experience utilizing distance teaching technology is highly desirable; demonstrated ability to develop and deliver continuing education programs is strongly preferred. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills are essential. In addition, applicants must be able to effectively communicate in English and be authorized for employment in the United States.

Job Information

- **Location:** Fredericksburg, Texas, United States
- **Company Name:** TTU/Department of Plant & Soil Science
- **Job Function:** Viticulture
- **Job Type:** Full-Time
- **Job Duration:** Indefinite
- **Min Education:** Ph.D.
- **Required Travel:** 10-25%