

Assistant Professor of Urban Plant Science
Department of Plant Sciences, University of California, Davis

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The Department of Plant Sciences in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis is recruiting an Assistant Professor of Urban Plant Science. The successful candidate should focus on translating fundamental plant biology and/or ecological concepts in the context of urban ecosystem functioning and sustainability in built environments. Potential areas of research could include, but are not limited to; ecology, forestry, horticulture, or agriculture, in the urban environment. This is an academic year (9-month), tenure track, Assistant Professor position that includes the expectation of mission-oriented research and outreach relevant to the California Agricultural Experiment Station (AES).

The successful candidate will join a dynamic Plant Sciences department, routinely ranked #1 globally with many opportunities to collaborate with departmental and other colleagues who have expertise in environmental horticulture and urban ecology, landscape architecture and urban planning, ecosystem restoration and management, crop production and management, plant physiology and genetics, post-harvest biology, and controlled environment agriculture. This position is a part of the College Integrated Research and Education (CIRE-2) proposal entitled “Urban Landscapes in a Changing World: Integrating Plant Ecology and Sustainable Design” with a second position located in the Department of Human Ecology.

The appointee is expected to establish a competitively funded research program to address critical or emerging scientific questions and/or societal issues in use of plants and plants/vegetation management in urban areas. The appointee will be responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate classes as assigned by the department chair, which will include Introduction to Environmental Plants (ENH 6), and Taxonomy and Ecology of Environmental Plant Families (ENH 105). Additional teaching may include classes in the Horticulture and Agronomy, Ecology and/or Geography graduate groups. The typical teaching load is two courses per year (quarter system) and contributions to graduate teaching. Participation in departmental and university service is expected.

Responsibilities:

The appointee is expected to establish a competitively funded research program in studying fundamental concepts in plant biology and vegetation ecology to address critical or emerging scientific questions and/or societal issues in use of vegetation and vegetation management in urban areas. The appointee will be responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate classes as assigned by the department chair, which will include Introduction to Environmental Plants (ENH 6), and Taxonomy and Ecology of Environmental Plant Families (ENH 105). Additional teaching may include classes in the Horticulture and Agronomy, Ecology and/or Geography graduate groups. The typical teaching expectation is two courses per year (quarter system). The appointee is also expected to guide and mentor graduate students and participation in departmental and university service is expected.

Qualifications:

Ph.D. or equivalent degree in plant science, horticulture, ecology, agronomy, soil science, or a related field. Post-doctoral experience is preferred. Evidence of research excellence is expected. The candidate should have the ability to develop and instruct undergraduate and graduate courses and the ability to develop and conduct extramurally funded research in the area of urban plant science. Candidates with a

willingness to build relationships with industry, community organizations and relevant State of California and federal agencies are desired.

Salary:

Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications:

Application materials must be submitted via the following website:

<https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF02598>.

The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by February 15, 2019.

Required application materials include: 1) curriculum vitae including publication list, 2) up to three publications, 3) transcripts if the applicant is within five years of Ph.D. degree, 4) statement of research accomplishments, 5) statement of teaching accomplishments and philosophy, 6) statement of future research plans relevant to the position 7) Statement of Contributions to Diversity, and 8) the names, addresses, including e-mail, of four professional references. Additional inquiries should be directed to the Search Committee Chair, Astrid Volder (avolder@ucdavis.edu).

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