

Cluster Hire in Citrus – Assistant Professor in Agricultural Plant Genomics and Breeding

The University of California, Riverside (UCR) invites applications for a nine-month tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the area of agricultural plant genomics and breeding. This position is part of a major initiative to maintain and enhance UCR's world class research program in citrus and subtropical crops, as needed to address challenges posed by climate change, exotic pests and diseases, and to improve the health benefits of citrus.

The University of California at Riverside is implementing a major expansion of its faculty and investing in state-of-the-art research facilities to support their work. This expansion will build critical mass in 34 vital and emerging fields of scholarship, foster truly cross-disciplinary work, and further diversify the faculty at one of America's most diverse research universities. We encourage applications from scholars committed to excellence and seeking to help define the research university for the next generation. For more information about our hiring initiative, please visit clusterhiring.ucr.edu or aprecruit.ucr.edu.

The successful candidate will have an appointment in an appropriate department, such as Botany and Plant Sciences, Microbiology and Plant Pathology or Entomology, and in the Citrus Research Center and Agricultural Experiment Station at UCR. We seek an individual able to apply modern genetic and statistical genomic approaches to facilitate development of commercially successful cultivars of citrus and other crop plants, potentially including complementary research on model plants. A Ph.D. in genetics, plant breeding or other relevant discipline is required with a demonstrated record of excellence in research in a relevant discipline, and research experience in plant improvement. Postdoctoral experience is preferred. An additional requirement is a strong commitment to educating a diverse student body for the technological workforce. Faculty are encouraged to collaborate broadly with colleagues at UCR and elsewhere and entrepreneurship is encouraged. Excellent support for laboratory research is provided by core facilities in the Institute for Integrative Genome Biology and Plant Transformation Research Center. Field research is supported by a field station at UCR and a system of agricultural research and extension centers throughout the state. See <http://cnas.ucr.edu> for more information on the college, departments and facilities.

The appointment could commence as early as July 1, 2018. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. A competitive start-up package will be provided. Applicants are expected to initiate a vibrant externally funded research program that addresses current and future needs of the California citrus industry and public. Teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels is expected.

The University of California, Riverside is situated in an historic citrus growing area surrounded by mountain ranges. Riverside is about an hour away from ski slopes, surfing, or hiking in mountain or desert environments, and housing in the area is relatively affordable. The campus boasts a fully-accredited child care facility. UCR maintains a commitment to "family friendly" policies and programs including opportunity for spousal/partner hiring.

Advancement through the faculty ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Review of applications will begin on April 11, 2018. We will continue to consider applications until the position is filled. For full consideration, applicants should submit their complete applications by the above date. To apply, please register through the web link at <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00894>. Minorities and members of underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply. The position requires that the candidate provide a Curriculum Vitae, Cover Letter, Statement of Research, a Teaching Statement, a Contributions to Diversity Statement, and 3-5 letters of reference. For questions about the position, please contact Mikeal Roose, Chair of the Search Committee, at mikeal.roose@ucr.edu. For inquiries regarding the application process, please contact Katherine Sanchez, Academic Personnel at katherine.sanchez@ucr.edu.