

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Position Vacancy: Assistant Professor

Description: The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) seeks to fill a position for an Assistant Professor who will conduct research and teach topics related to the collection and use of large scale, high frequency, or high resolution data.

ACE has a strong reputation for conducting research on issues that affect commercial agriculture, environmental economics, and policy. Although no single definition exists, the term “Big Data” has recently emerged to represent many different issues that arise from the collection and use of large scale, or high frequency, or high resolution data. The individual filling this position will develop a research program which analyzes the economic implications related to these issues. Specific examples of research focus areas include, but are not limited to statistical analysis of the data in commercial agriculture and environmental economics, methodological advances related to analyzing large data sets intellectual property issues underlying the creation and collection of such data, policy issues underpinning remote sensing, anonymous collection, or shared ownership of data resources, the ability to identify and address public policy issues involved in commercial use of proprietary data with specific identification characteristics. The applications should be of value to fellow researchers, agents involved in agricultural production, management, marketing, and/or to policy-related activities.

Required Qualifications: Ph.D. in agricultural/applied economics, economics, finance, or related field. Candidates should show potential for a strong research and teaching program in their area of specialization. Candidates must have completed their degree before the start date of the appointment.

Preferred Qualifications: Demonstrated ability to engage with stakeholders for the purposes of 1) obtaining resources to support the individual’s research program, and 2) to communicate implications of emerging issues and findings within that research program.

Responsibilities: The person filling this position will be expected to: (1) develop a nationally-prominent research program with publications in leading peer-reviewed scientific journals and (2) contribute to the Department’s undergraduate and graduate teaching programs through teaching (generally two courses per year) and student advising.

Salary/Appointment: Competitive, based on qualifications and rank, 9-month academic year, tenure track, research/teaching.

Start Date: The anticipated starting date for the position is August 16, 2015.

Application: To ensure full consideration, application must be received by December 1, 2014. Interviews may begin before the closing date; however, no offers will be extended until after that date. To apply, please create a candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload a brief cover letter, a CV, a sample of written work, a research statement, transcripts from graduate program(s), and contact information for three letters of reference.

Additional Information: For additional information about the department see www.ace.illinois.edu; for information about the position contact Melissa Warmbier at (217) 333-1810, mwarmbie@illinois.edu.

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