



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Research Associate, full-time, term position

LOCATION: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Departments of Agricultural Economics (www.agecon.ksu.edu) and Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (www.ksu.edu/sasw) at Kansas State University are seeking a highly motivated individual to conduct and coordinate research on agricultural land use decisions. The position is funded by a Kansas NSF EPSCoR project investigating the changes in land use in Kansas as a response to climate change and emerging energy markets (www.ipsr.ku.edu/CEP/BACC.shtml). The incumbent will work with a team of applied economists and sociologists at Kansas State University in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team at the University of Kansas. Specific duties will include: (1) assist with project management, coordination, and reporting, (2) manage a large, panel dataset to be obtained from detailed surveys of land managers, (3) collaboratively analyze the project-generated data with contemporary methods, (4) disseminate research findings through peer-reviewed publications and presentations, and (5) assist with grant proposal preparation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required

- M.S. or equivalent degree in sociology, economics, environmental studies, geography, public policy, or related field
- ability to manage and coordinate research activities
- ability to work with researchers from different disciplines and backgrounds
- effective written and oral communication skills

Preferred

- Ph.D. in the above-named fields
- research experience in energy, climate, or agriculture
- project management experience
- proficiency with qualitative data analysis software (e.g., Nvivo) or quantitative statistical software (e.g., SAS, Stata, SPSS, Gauss, Matlab)

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Competitive and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. The K-State benefit package includes a retirement plan, group health and life insurance, worker's compensation, vacation, sick leave and other benefits. For additional information on benefits, see www.ksu.edu/hr/benefits.

TO APPLY: Qualified persons are invited to apply by sending the following materials: (1) a letter of application; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; (3) three letters of reference; (4) official transcripts; and (5) a sample research paper. Minority and female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Background check required.

Application materials should be sent to: Dr. Jeff Peterson, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, 342 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 66506. Electronic submission is preferred and should be sent to jpeters@ksu.edu. Questions and inquiries of interest may be made to 785-532-4487 or jpeters@ksu.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of applications will begin on August 5, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Kansas State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other non-merit reasons (including employment of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era.) Kansas State University actively seeks diversity among its employees.