



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURE (IAA)

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: *Lecturer*

Position Number: IPOOO

Category Status: *Faculty Professional Track, Term Contract*

Unit: *AGNR-Institute of Applied Agriculture*

Position Summary/Purpose of Position:

The Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) invites qualified applicants to apply for a full-time, 12-month, professional-track Lecturer position at the University of Maryland, College Park. The person in this position will teach agricultural communication courses, advise students enrolled in the [Agriculture Forward at Maryland](#) (Ag Forward) program, keep advising guides updated, track student progress, and build university relationships by collaborating with other campus departments. Position responsibilities are expected to be roughly 60% teaching and 40% advising/administrative. This person must demonstrate the teaching experience and academic and professional qualifications to teach undergraduate communication courses and provide effective leadership for the Ag Forward program and IAA transfer students.

The IAA, an academic certificate program in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) at the University of Maryland, College Park, combines hands-on learning with traditional classroom education and online resources. The IAA provides students with the entrepreneurial, management, and technical skills needed to successfully operate sustainable domestic agricultural enterprises including golf courses, sports fields, landscape companies, and farming operations. This is a renewable, professional track, 12-month appointment. Continuing appointment will be based on performance and student enrollment. The University of Maryland, College Park, MD, is a Land Grant institution located near suburban Washington, DC.

Responsibilities:

- Teach 3-4 undergraduate courses per academic year. Primary teaching responsibilities will be in the area of agricultural communication and leadership, and may include such courses as Written Communication, Oral Communication, Academic Writing, Professional Development, Agricultural Public Relations, and others that the person may develop
- Advise and track Ag Forward students and other IAA transfer students
- Coordinate with IAA Director and Student Services Coordinator to advance and promote the IAA program
- Participate in departmental decision-making, strategic planning, and recruitment
- Collaborate with UMD, AGNR, and IAA faculty and staff to coordinate transfer applications, transcript evaluations, and graduation clearances
- Keep Ag Forward advising guides updated
- Continuously update instructional materials, and integrate assessment activities and best teaching practices into classes

Qualifications:

Required–

- Master's degree in Mass Communications, Public Relations, Agricultural Communication and Leadership, or related discipline.
- Minimum of three years' professional experience in communications that includes training/teaching.

- Demonstrate excellence in teaching.
- Highly detail-oriented.

Preferences–

- Experience in higher education.
- Experience with student advising.

Salary& Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Applications:

A complete application packet includes a Cover Letter, Teaching Philosophy, Resume or Curriculum Vitae, Transcripts (copy acceptable for application process), and contact information of three (3) professional references. All candidates must apply online at <https://ejobs.umd.edu> for position IPOOO. The effective start date is January 8, 2018.

Closing Date: Review of applications will begin September 25, 2017. However, applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.

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