

FACULTY VACANCY

**Assistant Professor
Of
Agricultural
Education**



POSITION

The Department of Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education in the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at California State University, Fresno seeks applicants for a tenure-track, academic year position as an Assistant/Associate Professor in Agricultural Education. The successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses, advise students and student organizations, conduct scholarly and applied research, and engage in service-related activities. Primary teaching responsibilities and research interests will be in the area of agriculture teacher preparation including supervision of student teachers. Teaching online, evening classes, and other alternative teaching times and methods is required. Additionally, assistance with annual FFA field day events and other department events and activities along with service on department, college, and university committees is expected.

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ABOUT JORDAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

The Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology offers high quality undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs in the major areas of agricultural business; animal sciences and agricultural education; child, family and consumer sciences; food science and nutrition; industrial technology; plant science; and viticulture and enology. Faculty and students conduct applied research and public service in selected areas of agriculture, food sciences, industrial technology, and family sciences. Programs combine a science, technology and management focus with experiential learning. The College seeks to enhance the ability of students to be successful in their chosen careers and to make positive contributions to the quality of life in their communities.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required Education (from an accredited institution or foreign equivalent.):

1. An earned doctorate in Agricultural Education or other closely related disciplines is required for appointment.
2. Applicants nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) may be considered. For appointment, the doctorate must be completed by the date of appointment (August 17, 2022).

Required Experience:

1. Ability to demonstrate a commitment to working effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds;
2. Successful secondary agriculture teaching experience;
3. Ability to maintain an ongoing program of applied research, grant writing and scholarly activity;
4. For appointment to the rank of Associate Professor a candidate must have a strong record of excellence in teaching at the university level and a sustained record of scholarly research and publication

Preferred Experience:

1. Successful experience as a FFA advisor and/or secondary agricultural education chair/program lead;
2. Successful experience supervising agriculture student teachers;
3. Successful undergraduate and/or graduate teaching experience;
4. Experience advising undergraduate and/or graduate students;
5. Involvement with agricultural student organizations and events; and
6. Positive interactions with students, colleagues, industry stakeholders, government agencies, media and the general public.

APPLICATION

Review of applications will begin on February 15, 2022. and will continue until the position is filled. Apply online at:

<http://careers.fresnostate.edu>

1. A cover letter, specifically addressing the specific areas of required experience and preferred qualifications;
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Contact information for three professional references
4. Statement addressing your commitment to working with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds

The Search Chair will request finalists to submit the following within the provided deadline.

1. Official transcripts
2. Three current letters of recommendation (from provided list)

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ABOUT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

California State University, Fresno is one of 23 campuses in the California State University System. The University's mission is to boldly educate and empower students for success through our values of Discovery, Diversity and Distinction. The current student population is more than 25,000, including a large percentage of students with diverse and culturally rich backgrounds. The University serves the San Joaquin Valley while maintaining deep involvement with the state, nation, and across the globe.

Metropolitan Fresno, with a multi-ethnic population of over 527,000, is located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. The campus is within driving distance of Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks, San Francisco, Los Angeles, the Monterey Peninsula, beaches, sailing, lakes, and numerous ski resorts. Fresno boasts one of the most reasonable housing markets in California and offers a wide array of locally grown fruits and produce.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Set in the richly diverse Central San Joaquin Valley, Fresno's population of about 500,000 is 13% Asian American and Pacific Islander, with a significant presence of people with Hmong, Asian Indian, Lao, Cambodian, Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean, Native Hawaiian, Guamanian and Samoan heritage. The Central Valley has played a crucial role in the history of immigration from Asia to the United States, including the arrival of people displaced by the wars in Indochina. Fresno is about two and a half hours by car from the Bay Area and about three and a half hours from the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

California State University, Fresno is an engaged University. We focus on broadening students' intellectual horizons, fostering lifelong learning skills, developing the leaders of tomorrow, promoting community involvement, and instilling an appreciation of world cultures. We nurture cultural competence by celebrating the rich diversity of the campus community and welcoming the participation of all. Members of the University community work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. For information on the University's commitment and dedication to creating a university known for its integrity, civility, equity, respect, and ethical behavior, visit: <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/diversity>

The campus is ranked 24th in the nation by [Washington Monthly](#); ranked 3rd by [U.S. News & World Report](#) in graduation rate performance for public institutions; and, ranked 41st in the nation in [MONEY Magazines 50 Best Public Colleges](#).

Territorial Acknowledgement

The Fresno State campus sits in the midst of the San Joaquin Valley, a valley rich in the traditions and representation of Native American peoples and cultures. We are grateful to be in the traditional homelands of the Yokuts and Mono peoples, whose diverse tribal communities share stewardship over this land.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Fresno has made crime-reporting statistics available to applicants, students, & employees online at www.fresnostate.edu/police/clery/index.shtml. Print copies are available by request from the Campus Police Department.

A background check, including criminal records check, must be completed satisfactorily for this position. An offer of employment may be withdrawn, or employment may be terminated based upon the results of the background investigation.

Campus employees must comply with current COVID-19 reporting and safety mandates.

The person holding this position is considered a "limited reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 Revised July 21, 2017, as a condition of employment. You can obtain a copy of this Executive order by accessing the following website: <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1083.html>.

California State University, Fresno is a smoke-free campus. For information, click <http://fresnostate.edu/adminserv/smokefree/index.html>

California State University, Fresno is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

ABOUT OUR BENEFITS

The CSU is committed to offering benefit plans that provide employees options from which to choose their appropriate level of coverage and to help manage their wellness as well as retirement needs, if applicable. Unless otherwise stated, eligible employees may enroll in employer-paid and voluntary benefits.

Health Care: Eligible employees have group medical, dental and vision plans from which to choose coverage. They may cover themselves, their eligible spouse or registered domestic partner and eligible dependent children (up to age 26).

CALPERS Retirement Plan is a defined benefit plan, where retirement benefits are based on a formula, rather than contributions and earnings to a savings plan. Retirement benefits are calculated based on a member's years of service credit, age at retirement, and average salary for a defined period of employment. Employees contribute a percentage of their gross monthly salary per month.. The contribution is not subject to federal and state taxes. For additional information about the CalPERS defined benefit plan go to <http://www.calpers.ca.gov>.

Voluntary Retirement Savings Plans Three voluntary retirement plan options are available to employees. This allows employees to save toward retirement by contributing to tax-deferred investments and supplement their CalPERS Retirement Plan benefits.

Others Benefits

- Parental Leave Program in addition to Sick Leave and Family Medical Leave.
- Fee Waiver for specific fees up to two courses or 6 units.
- Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA)
- Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA)

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

Tenure-Track Faculty members gain a clear path to tenure through the University's Probationary Plan Process. For additional information visit www.fresnostate.edu/academics/facultyaffairs/procedures/facultyrtpl/. We value our commitment to the success of our faculty by providing services from the Center for Faculty Excellence to Research and Sponsored Programs.

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ABOUT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The individual California State Colleges were brought together as a system by the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960. In 1972, the system became The California State University and Colleges and in 1982, the system became The California State University. Today, the campuses of the CSU include comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995, the California State University Maritime Academy, a specialized campus.

The oldest campus, San José State University, was founded in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California. The newest campus, California State University, Channel Islands, opened in fall 2002, with freshmen arriving in fall 2003. The Fresno State Campus was founded in 1911 as State Normal School..