

**Title:** Assistant or Associate Professor of Agricultural Education

**Department:** Agricultural Education and Communication

**Job Category:** Faculty

**Regular/Temporary:** Regular

### **About the College**

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) is a state college in the University System of Georgia with two instructional sites in Southwest Georgia. ABAC's mission is to provide excellent education by engaging, teaching, coaching, mentoring, and providing relevant experiences that prepare the graduate for life. The main campus is located in Tifton, Georgia. Tifton is a progressive community known for its quality-of-life environment and was recently named as one of the 100 Best Small Towns in America. The college has a student body of approximately 4,000 students and a teaching faculty of approximately 135. The School of Agriculture and Natural Resources is one of four schools and offers six of the college's 12 Bachelor of Science degrees. The school's enrollment is approximately 38% of the college's total enrollment and has approximately 50 faculty and staff. The Department of Agricultural Education and Communication is one of three departments within the school. It has a total enrollment of approximately 250 students, two-degree programs (BS in Agricultural Communication and Agricultural Education) and has a total of seven faculty and staff.

### **Position Summary**

The Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, housed within the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, seeks applicants for an Assistant or Associate Professor in Agricultural Education. The rank will be determined by the candidate's professional experience at both the secondary and college level. This is a 10-month tenure-accruing position. The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses in Agricultural Education and Environmental Horticulture (if needed), supervise student interns; advise students and student organizations; engage in scholarly activities; engage in service activities; develop partnerships with commodity and industry organizations; work effectively as a member of a faculty team to continually update and improve the content of courses and degree programs in the department; and contribute to the Department's overall goals in scholarship. In addition, the successful candidate will work with the community and college on initiatives and activities that enhance the student learning experience and community relationships and promotes student engagement. Given the hands-on and community-based nature of Agricultural Education, participation in events such as FFA and the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association is expected. Specific assignments will depend on the successful candidate's rank, experience, and area of interest.

### **Required Qualifications**

- An earned doctorate from an accredited institution in Agricultural Education or closely related discipline (must have completed all requirements for the doctorate by start date of employment).
- A minimum of three years of successful teaching experience in agriculture at the middle or high school level.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to use current technology in support of instructional activities.

- Primary interest in and firm commitment to undergraduate education.
- The ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to work with school-based agricultural education programs, state-level agricultural education and FFA programs, and related groups and agencies in developing and promoting activities that enhance student learning experiences.
- Passion to promote student engagement and enhance community and industry relationships.

### **Desired Qualifications**

- Successful experience in college teaching and student advisement at the undergraduate level in agricultural teacher preparation (especially for the Associate Professor rank).
- Degree and/or course work in Environmental Horticulture.
- Experience in a teacher induction program, curriculum development, and teacher professional development (especially for the Associate Professor rank).
- A record of successful extramural funding and/or scholarly activities (especially for the Associate Professor rank).
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**Application Instructions:** Candidates will submit a cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, philosophy of teaching, copy of transcripts, and three reference letters. Finalists will be required to submit official transcripts.

Review of applications will begin no later than June 6, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled.

**Employment Start Date:** August 1, 2022

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