FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension Viticulture
at Oakville Station CA and the Department of Viticulture and Enology
University of California, Davis

The Department of Viticulture and Enology has a research, teaching and outreach mission to develop and disseminate comprehensive basic and applied knowledge regarding the production of winegrapes and is internationally recognized as a premier center of excellence in these fields. A Cooperative Extension (CE) Specialist is being recruited to conduct original applied research with the goal of achieving more sustainable management and production of winegrapes. The successful candidate will bring visibility and leadership to CE academics and other researchers and educators involved in the study of winegrapes. Research and outreach activities will be closely integrated with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), county-based CE academics and clientele as well as campus based CE and ladder rank faculty. The appointee will be a faculty member of the Department of Viticulture and Enology at the University of California, Davis but will be primarily located at the UC Davis Oakville Station, Oakville, CA, in the heart of Napa Valley, about 40 minutes from campus.

Responsibilities: This is a full time, career-track appointment that includes the expectation that the appointee will conduct mission-oriented research and engage in outreach that advances the mission of the Department of Viticulture and Enology and ANR. The focus of this position will be on winegrape production in California. Accordingly, applicants should have the professional background necessary to conduct original research on winegrapes.

Extension Teaching: A person in this position is expected to provide leadership as a liaison between campus-based researchers, CE academics, and clientele groups such as growers, county advisors, pest control advisors and other agricultural industry professionals. This will include providing information to clientele through print publications, web-based resources and in-person presentations, and serving as a resource for other CE academics.

Applied Research: The successful candidate will: 1) coordinate applied research related to winegrape production; 2) conduct, and publish the results of applied research or other creative activities designed to resolve management and production problems; and 3) emphasize environmentally sound, integrated approaches to grape growing. Specific areas of research may include: vineyard mechanization, nutrient status and utilization, water use minimization and reclaimed water use, water status sensing and sensor development.

Professional Competence and Activity: The candidate will be expected to participate in professional society activities including presenting papers at national and international meetings; reviewing manuscripts and grant proposals in his/her area of expertise; and establishing productive working relationships with scientists and extension personnel in other states and countries. The goal would be to gain national and international recognition for scholarly contributions to the science and practice of viticulture, as he/she advances to higher ranks in the UC system.

University and Public Service: The candidate will serve on committees that support the operation of the Oakville Station, as well as University committees, ANR, advisory councils and boards appropriate to the candidate’s area of expertise. The candidate should ultimately be recognized as a knowledgeable person who can provide reliable and unbiased information on grape growing in the state of California.
Qualifications: The applicant should have a Ph.D. degree in viticulture or closely allied discipline. The successful candidate must have a record that documents productivity in research as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Appointment Date: Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or soon after July 1, 2014.

Applications: Applications should be submitted on-line at https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/. Written inquiries should be directed to Dr. Matthew Fidelibus, Search Committee Chair, Department of Viticulture and Enology, University of California, One Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616, voice (559) 646-6510 and email mwfidelibus@ucdavis.edu.

Applicants should submit: curriculum vitae including publication list; statement of research interests and goals; a summary or abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation; copies or links to recent relevant publications; and names, addresses including e-mail, and telephone numbers of at least three references. The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by March 24, 2014.

UC Davis is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity employer and is dedicated to recruiting a diverse faculty community. We welcome all qualified applicants to apply, including women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.