

Job Prospectus for the Department Head, Horticultural Science

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

NC State University

Raleigh, NC

Fall, 2017



The Opportunity

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University (NC State) invites applications for the position of Head of the Department of Horticultural Science. The Head will provide leadership in Department administration, the recruitment and development of faculty and staff, planning and evaluation of the Department's academic, research, and extension programs, and is responsible for allocation and accountability of departmental budgets. The Head will foster an environment of diversity and inclusion and promote mutually beneficial working relationships. The Head will be actively involved in fundraising to support the department's programs and other developmental activities and serve as the lead representative in interactions with College and University administrators, industry and commodity groups, and consumers. The Department Head is expected to promote collaborations and partnerships with other University departments as well as state, national, and international agencies to position the Department as global leaders in their discipline. The Head's office and administrative home of Horticulture Science is located on the main campus of NC State University in Raleigh. This position will further have responsibilities with regard to several Horticulture departmental faculty, staff, and students located at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center in Mills River, the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, and other NC State University research and extension facilities within North Carolina.

About the Department

North Carolina State University is a land-grant institution with strong research, teaching, and extension programs in the agricultural and life sciences. Current University enrollment is greater than 24,000 undergraduate and 9,500 graduate students. The Horticultural Science Department currently consists of 44 faculty members having the rank of assistant, associate or full professor, 16 full-time non-tenure track professionals, and 44 office and support staff. The Department is well known for its excellence in academic programs and offers the following degree programs: two-year Associate, Bachelor of Science, Master of Horticultural Science (non-thesis), Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy. Current Departmental student enrollment includes 36 students in the associate degree program, 113 students in the undergraduate program and 51 graduate students. NC State Horticulture is nationally and internationally recognized as an outstanding Department with fully integrated programs in teaching, research and extension. Areas of expertise include biotechnology, horticultural pest management, plant breeding and genetics, fruit production, floriculture, greenhouse production, nursery production, weed science, urban horticulture, landscape design, specialty crop production, organic and sustainable agriculture, and vegetable production. At least twenty faculty in the Department are actively involved with extension programming to support North Carolina producers of tree fruit crops, small fruit crops, vegetable crops, nursery/landscape crops, floriculture, landscape design, consumer horticulture, new crop development and the Master Gardener program.



About The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences discovers, develops, teaches, and applies knowledge and technology that enable students, clientele, and citizens of North Carolina and others to improve the quality of their lives and to enhance the agricultural, economic, environmental, and social well-being of the state and world and to create and extend new knowledge through scientific research and extension in agriculture and life sciences. The assets beyond the main campus include research stations, 4H camps, extension offices, field labs, research forests, and other miscellaneous mission-supporting facilities.

Qualifications

Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. degree in Horticultural Science or a closely related discipline and have a record of outstanding professional achievement commensurate with appointment to the rank of Professor with tenure. The successful candidate should be current with developments in the discipline and related fields to provide dynamic and visionary leadership, demonstrate a record of program extramural funding and knowledge of funding opportunities, and promote a commitment to excellence in teaching, research and extension appropriate to a land-grant university. Successful administrative and personnel management experience and the ability to communicate effectively with faculty, staff, students, administrators and the public are expected.

Search Specifics

Applications should be submitted at <https://jobs.ncsu.edu> (position #00000158) and should include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, names and contact information for at least three references, and a brief statement of leadership and administrative philosophy by November 1, 2017. Screening of applications will begin immediately afterwards and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Address applications to the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Eric L. Davis, Head, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, North Carolina State University, Box 7616, Raleigh, NC 27695-7616; Telephone: (919) 515-7984; Fax: (919) 515-7716; e-mail: eric_davis@ncsu.edu.



About NC State

NC State was founded with a purpose: to create economic, societal, and intellectual prosperity for the people of North Carolina and the country. We began as a [land-grant institution](#) teaching the agricultural and mechanical arts. Today NC State is a pre-eminent research and teaching leader that excels in agriculture, science, technology, engineering, math, design, humanities and social sciences, textiles and veterinary medicine. NC State students, faculty, and staff take problems in hand and work with industry, government, and nonprofit partners to solve them.

Our 34,000-plus students apply what they learn in the real world by conducting research, working in internships and co-ops, and performing acts of world-changing service. That experiential education ensures they leave here ready to lead the workforce, confident in the knowledge that NC State consistently rates as one of the best values in higher education.

Whether it's [Princeton Review](#) ranking NC State among the nation's best values for universities or one of 81 nationwide "Colleges with a Conscience," NC State has many reasons to be proud. And Princeton Review is not alone. [Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranked NC State University 12th](#) and U.S. News & World Report ranked the university among the top 10 best values in public higher education.

About Raleigh and North Carolina

North Carolina is one of the fastest-growing states in America. Agriculture is the top industry in the state, producing \$84 billion in revenue each year. A leading state in diversity and a top spot for young professionals and families, Raleigh is nationally recognized as a city on the rise:



No. 1 among the top 10 best cities for jobs ([CNN Money, 2015](#))

No. 3 among the best places for business and careers ([Forbes, 2016](#))

No. 5 among the best midsize U.S. metro areas for college students ([American Institute for Economic Research, 2017](#))

No. 5 among best U.S. cities for raising a family ([Forbes, 2017](#))

No. 6 among America's best cities for young professionals ([Forbes, 2017](#))

With Durham and Chapel Hill, Raleigh anchors the Research Triangle, a national hotspot for high-tech enterprise. The top companies in the region — including IBM, Cisco Systems, SAS Institute, Biogen Idec and GlaxoSmithKline — are among the country's best employers. NC State also has strong agricultural partnerships with Bayer, BASF, and Syngenta. They also lead the way in hiring new NC State graduates. Celebrating its 130th year in 2017, NC State continues to make its founding purpose a reality. Every day our [career-ready graduates](#) and world-leading faculty make the fruits of learning and discovery available to people across the state, throughout the nation, and around the world.

NC State University is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability. In addition, NC State University welcomes all persons without regard to sexual orientation. The University welcomes the opportunity to work with candidates to identify suitable employment opportunities for spouses or partners.

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