



College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences  
*Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communication*

## **Doctoral Graduate Assistant Position Announcement**

### **Position Summary**

The University of Georgia is seeking applicants for Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant positions at the doctoral level available starting August, 2020. The positions are 12-month appointments, requiring student work for the department 20 hours per week, reporting directly to Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication faculty. Graduate Assistants will work directly with ALEC faculty on research in a variety of contextual areas, assist with classroom instruction at the undergraduate level and support Extension efforts across the state of Georgia. Graduate assistants will be provided with quality office space and up to date computer systems and software. All graduate assistants are provided with a competitive stipend and tuition waiver.

### **The University of Georgia**

The University of Georgia (UGA), the first land-grant university in the United States, is a comprehensive R1 institution composed of 17 schools and colleges, including agriculture and environmental sciences, arts and humanities, business, education, engineering, journalism and mass communication, law, and veterinary medicine. UGA has one of the largest Extension systems in the U.S. with county agents in all 159 counties. The university's picturesque 759 acres in Athens, Georgia, is home to nearly 35,000 students. For more information, UGA's website can be accessed at <http://uga.edu/>.

### **Departmental Overview**

The Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication promotes food, environmental and social sustainability through experiential education. With a focused curriculum in leadership, education, and communication theory and practice, we are committed to changing lives through Georgia's land-grant mission. We offer a Doctor of Philosophy in agricultural leadership, education, and communication with the opportunity to focus in:

- Agricultural and Extension Education;
- Leadership; or
- Science Communication.

We also offer all graduate students at UGA the ability to obtain certificates in both Leadership and Service *and/or* Environmental Education through the ALEC Department.

## **Position Responsibilities and Duties**

Graduate assistants' primary responsibilities will be dependent upon the specific role they are placed in as designated by each faculty member. Responsibilities may include data collection and analysis; research writing; giving research and/or Extension presentations at state, regional, national and international meetings; assisting in course preparation; serving as a teaching assistant; teaching undergraduate courses; and grading course assignments.

## **Education and Experience**

- Master's degree in a closely related field required;
- Prior teaching, Extension, project management and/or research experience preferred;
- Ability to meet deadlines and make progress without direct supervision;
- Strong verbal and written communication skills;
- Willing to work nights and weekends as appropriate; and
- Must be accepted and enrolled in the UGA ALEC Ph.D. program starting in Fall 2020.

## **Appointment Start Date: August 2020**

To be considered for one of these positions, interested persons must apply and meet minimum qualifications to the doctoral program in the UGA Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication and complete the assistantship application by **February 1, 2020**.

Graduate assistant positions are renewable for up to three years, assuming satisfactory progress which is assessed annually. The position includes a competitive salary and a tuition waiver. For more information, please contact the ALEC Graduate Coordinator:

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