

TENURE TRACK POSITION IN VEGETABLE SCIENCE

The Department of Plant Sciences, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, at the University of Saskatchewan invites applications for a tenure track position at the assistant or associate professor level in the area of vegetable science. The successful applicant will be expected to teach courses in the area of horticulture science at the undergraduate level, develop a graduate course in his or her area of expertise, supervise M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, and also perform outreach duties as required. A vigorous independent research program should involve applied research of direct interest to industry and producers as well as more basic research that would be eligible for Government of Canada Tri-Council funding.

QUALIFICATIONS

This position requires a Ph.D. in horticulture science or related discipline, demonstrated ability and interest in field research and teaching, and the potential to participate in outreach activities aimed at the western Canadian horticulture industry. Relevant post-doctoral experience and research involving vegetable crop production systems is essential. Candidates should be eligible for membership in the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to establish effective working relationships are essential. The University values diversity and experience teaching and creating positive working relationships with both Aboriginal and culturally diverse students, staff and faculty.

The Department of Plant Sciences is a centre for teaching, research and outreach related to the development, production and management of field and horticulture crops and to the management of non-arable grasslands on the Canadian prairies. The department is currently composed of 28 faculty members. To support their research activities, the faculty within the Department have access to a field crop land base of 1200 hectares, a horticulture land base of 27 hectares located on campus, 1100 sq. m. of modern greenhouse space on campus, along with field laboratories, a full fleet of commercial level plot equipment, Canada's largest controlled environment phytotron, the Grains Innovation Lab, seed management facilities, and the Canadian Light Source, Canada's only synchrotron facility located a few minutes walk from the Agriculture Building and greenhouses..

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources is an international leader in applied research and scholarship with expertise in, and integrated across, four primary themes: Food, Feed and Bioproducts; Environment and Ecology; Business and Applied Economics; Plants and Animals. The college has a century-long reputation for teaching, research, and outreach and has been a consistent strength for the university. The college has played a pivotal role in the development of the agriculture and food industries in Saskatchewan, and continues to build on a legacy of public engagement and cooperative partnerships. Our faculty is committed to providing an exceptional learning experience and preparing graduates for leadership in the bio-economy.

The University of Saskatchewan is located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, a city of 260,000 people with a diverse and thriving economic base, a vibrant arts community and a full range of leisure opportunities. The University has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and scholarly activities and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to a student population of about 21,000. The university is one of Canada's leading research-intensive universities.

Applications, including a CV, academic transcripts, statements of research and teaching interests, and contact information for three referees, should be submitted to Dr. Yuguang Bai, Head, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan, 51 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7N 5A8. Tel: (306)966-4955. Email: yuguang.bai@usask.ca. For best consideration, applications should be received by 15 July 2016.

This position comes with a comprehensive benefits package which includes pension plan, life insurance (compulsory and voluntary), sick leave, travel insurance, death benefit, dental plan, extended health and vision care plan, employee assistance program and flexible health and wellness spending program. The wage range for this position is (effective 1 September 2016): Assistant Professor \$93,293 - \$112,109, Associate Professor \$112,109 - \$130,925.

The University of Saskatchewan is strongly committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that empowers all employees to reach their full potential. All members of the university community share a responsibility for developing and maintaining an environment in which differences are valued and inclusiveness is practiced. The university welcomes applications from those who will contribute to the diversity of our community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Relevant websites:

- University of Saskatchewan (www.usask.ca)
- Department of Plant Sciences (<http://agbio.usask.ca/departments/plant-sciences/index.php>)
- City of Saskatoon (www.tourismsaskatoon.com)