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Temporary Assistant Professor of Agriculture (Soil & Plant Sciences),
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Temporary Assistant Professor in Agriculture (Soil & Plant Sciences)
Truman State University

Position: The Agricultural Science Department at Truman State University invites applications for a Temporary Assistant Professor position to teach in the undergraduate agricultural science curriculum and the University's liberal studies program, pending funding. This is a 9-month appointment, beginning August 2015, with the possibility of renewal for up to three additional years, depending on performance, need, and funding.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will teach required courses in Soil Science and Agriculture/Environmental Science for non-majors, as well as elective courses in related areas to include horticulture, environmental science, plant science, and/or precision agriculture, depending on background and expertise. The successful candidate will also have an opportunity to work with students in an active Farm-to-School program based at the University Farm.

Required Qualifications: Position requires a Ph.D. (completed by the start date) in Soil Science, Horticulture, Agronomy, Weed Science, or a closely related field.

Evaluation Criteria: Applicants will be evaluated on academic qualifications, teaching background and philosophy, commitment to student development in the liberal arts and sciences, demonstrated success in teaching, evidence of effective communication and interpersonal skills, and compatibility with the department's needs.

Program: The Department of Agricultural Science at Truman has 6 faculty members, a farm manager, and approximately 110 undergraduate majors. The Department also offers courses in Truman's Liberal Studies Program. Teaching and research laboratories, classrooms, and offices are located in the science building on campus. The Department also utilizes a 400-acre teaching and research farm located one mile from campus, which includes cattle and horse herds and facilities, greenhouses, agronomy research, and other teaching and research facilities. For more information about the Agriculture program, please visit <http://agriculture.truman.edu>.

The University: A vibrant community of teacher-scholars involved with a highly-selective student body, Truman is a residential university providing its approximately 6,000 students with broad liberal arts experiences and study-in-depth in 48 undergraduate majors and eight graduate programs.

Truman's students are well-prepared academically. Most have leadership experience and over 45 percent will enter graduate or professional education within a year of graduation. Over 20 percent of Truman students engage in significant undergraduate research and creative projects, including participation in the annual undergraduate research conference.

Truman is nationally recognized for the quality of educational opportunities that it offers to students and for its leadership in the assessment of student learning and continuous improvement. Truman, Missouri's only highly selective public liberal arts and sciences university has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for the 18th year in a row as the no. 1 Public University in the Midwest Regional category. The Washington Monthly ranks Truman as the no. 2 Masters' University in the United States.

The Community: Located in Kirksville, Truman plays a vital role in the thriving regional center of northeast Missouri. The city enjoys a low crime rate, excellent schools, and low cost of living. Within a few minutes' drive, a broad range of outdoor recreational opportunities is easily accessible. Kirksville is connected to St. Louis (STL) by Cape Air (www.flycapeair.com). Amtrak operates the *Southwest Chief* on daily schedules from Kirksville to Chicago, Kansas City, and points southwest to Los Angeles. AT Still University maintains dental and medical schools in Kirksville. More information about Truman State University can be found at <http://www.truman.edu>.

Application: The application process is handled by the School of Science and Mathematics. Electronic submission of application is required and must be completed at <http://employment.truman.edu>. Completed applications must include a cover letter, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research interests and goals, CV, undergraduate and graduate transcripts and three letters of reference.

Review of applications will begin March 18, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. If hired, applicants must provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States, official graduate transcripts, or documentation of degrees if transcripts are not available.

Questions about this position may be directed to Michael Seipel, Agriculture Department Chair, mseipel@truman.edu.

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