

## **Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology ALFA Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair**

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology is seeking candidates at the Full or Associate Professor level for an Eminent Scholar position. The holder of the Alfa Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair will demonstrate excellence in research, teaching and service /outreach. The successful candidate will have received national and international recognition through publications in scholarly journals, success in acquiring external funding, teaching, and stakeholder engagement. Key stakeholders include agricultural producers, industry, non-profit organizations, and organizations involved in the formulation of policies for food and agriculture.

The ALFA Eminent Scholar endowment will provide support for the successful candidate to: 1) continue and extend an outstanding record of scholarly research, 2) teach in the Department's undergraduate and/or graduate programs; and 3) provide leadership in a specific research area in partnership with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University, state, national, and international organizations and stakeholders. Applications are encouraged from scholars who research a diverse range of topics that relate to natural resources (energy, water, soil, biodiversity), food and nutrition (health, consumer issues), community development (rural development, labor, entrepreneurship), farm and agribusiness management (marketing, production, finance, technology), or agriculture policy (farm policy, domestic ag policy, trade policy, ag law).

**Position:** This ALFA Eminent Scholar Chair is a nine-month, teaching and research appointment. The position has a five-year renewable term with tenure in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

**Qualifications:** Ph.D. in agricultural economics or related field. The candidate must meet university and departmental standards for tenure and promotion at the Associate or Full Professor level. See criteria at the following website: [http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/facultyHandbook/chapter%203-personnel\\_policies.php#promotionandtenure](http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/facultyHandbook/chapter%203-personnel_policies.php#promotionandtenure). The successful candidate must meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the term of employment.

**Salary/Appointment:** The salary for the ALFA Eminent Scholar is negotiable and competitive based on qualifications. The endowment provides a salary supplement and funds annually to support the incumbent's research program. The starting date is negotiable after closing date. Research/teaching percentages in the appointment are also negotiable.

**Application Procedures:** Applicants must apply for the position electronically through:

<https://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/2259> and submit the following: 1) cover letter addressing the candidate's experience pertinent to the responsibilities of the position, and should include statements on their research, teaching, and stakeholder engagement philosophy, 2) current curriculum vita, and 3) reprints of the candidate's three most important contributions to the scholarly literature, which should include at least one recent paper. When prompted during the on-line application process, please provide names, phone numbers, and email addresses of three professional references. Applicants will remain anonymous throughout the process, and references will not be contacted until authorized by the candidate. Only complete applications will be considered. Active review of applications will begin August 15, 2017, but the search will continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be directed to:

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**The University:** Auburn University is a land-grant institution with a student enrollment of more than 28,000. The University provides instruction in approximately 70 academic departments and maintains graduate research and public service programs of a broad scope. The University is located in the city of Auburn in east-central Alabama near the metropolitan areas of Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama and Columbus and Atlanta, Georgia. Auburn has a mild winter climate, excellent public schools, a family-friendly atmosphere, and easy access to the world through the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta.

**The Department:** The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology consists of 16 full-time faculty, over 200 undergraduate students and 40 M.S. and Ph.D. students. More information can be found at <http://aers.auburn.edu/>.

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