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**Assistant Professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist**  
**Department of Agronomy and Horticulture**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR), Department of Agronomy & Horticulture invites applications for a Extension Turfgrass Specialist, Assistant Professor, 12-month, tenure-track position, with 60% extension and 40% research responsibilities. The position is located in Lincoln, NE. The focus of this position is on integrated turfgrass management practices for environmental risk reduction.

The successful candidate will be expected to lead an internationally-recognized extension and research program in management of turfgrass systems concentrating on water, fertility, soils, and/or related areas while reducing environmental impact; aggressively pursuing funding opportunities from state, federal and private sources; publishing research results in peer-reviewed journals; coordinating educational events and developing educational materials in Nebraska and the region; and contributing to student recruitment and science literacy efforts with extension activity and collaborations with teaching faculty. A contribution to research projects including integrative turf and water use projects, as well as in planning overall research priorities is expected. Contributions to existing research initiatives on climate change, carbon sequestration, and the Daugherty Water for Food Institute are encouraged to address regional, national and global issues. Extension responsibilities include leading an interdisciplinary turfgrass extension program serving a diverse clientele including golf courses, professional lawn care companies, athletic field managers, sod producers, industry representatives, University of Nebraska extension educators, and homeowners. The extension program should include horticulture, agronomy, soils, weed science, breeding and genetics, plant pathology, entomology, physiology, pesticide programs, and other areas contributing to the understanding of the turfgrass system. Additional responsibilities include traditional and web-based dissemination of information, coordinating existing and new educational events, and maintaining contact with growers and industry representatives of Nebraska and surrounding states. Supervision of graduate students and involvement in distance educational programs is also an expectation of this position.

Ph.D. degree, or Ph.D. in place by date of hire, required in turfgrass science, agronomy, horticulture, or a closely related discipline. A demonstrated ability to publish original research in peer-reviewed journals, and research experience and expertise in turfgrass management are required. Ability to work effectively as a team member, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and demonstrated experience with extension audiences and/or in the classroom is requirements of this position. Demonstrated experience in writing grant proposals and strong leadership skills are preferred.

To review the position description and to apply, go to: <http://employment.unl.edu> and search for requisition # 120895 and complete the Faculty Academic Administrative Information Form. Attach a letter of application including an overview of research and extension experience and interests, a curriculum vitae, and copies of transcripts. Arrange for 3 letters of reference to be emailed to: [cwendt1@unl.edu](mailto:cwendt1@unl.edu). Review of applications will begin on January 4, 2013 and continue until the position is filled or the search is closed.

The University of Nebraska has an active National Science Foundation ADVANCE gender equity program, and is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers.

## INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

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