**Position:** Assistant/Associate Professor, Potato Breeding and Genetics

**Position Description:** The Department of Horticultural Sciences seeks applicants for a tenure-track faculty position from individuals with expertise in potato breeding and genetics. The successful applicant will advance an outstanding program that has a proven track record of developing regionally- and nationally-adapted potato varieties and contributing to the knowledge base of potato breeding, genetics, and marker-assisted selection.

**Major Duties and Responsibilities:** The successful applicant will contribute to existing breeding objectives as well as develop new breeding objectives targeted toward the release of potato varieties adapted to the growing regions of Texas. These objectives include identifying varieties with increased tolerance to biotic and abiotic stress and increased crop productivity, and the discovery of genetic markers that can increase efficiency of breeding efforts. The incumbent will collaborate with scientists in Texas and at other institutions to contribute to potato germplasm improvement on the regional and national level. The successful applicant will mentor undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scientists and research technicians. The applicant will teach courses at the graduate and undergraduate level, and contribute to the department by service on assigned committees. The individual will be expected to publish regularly in peer-reviewed journals appropriate to the discipline and to compete successfully for external funding to support his or her program.

**Qualifications:** Doctoral degree in plant breeding, genetics, horticulture or closely related plant science discipline is required. Experience leading or as a member of a plant variety and development program is preferred. Candidates demonstrating a strong background in genetics, statistics, and marker-assisted selection are sought. Excellent written and oral communication skills, and the demonstrated ability to publish in refereed journals are required.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants should complete a faculty application online at [https://greatjobs.tamu.edu](https://greatjobs.tamu.edu) (NOV #09227) and submit a cover letter, transcripts, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references as attachments as directed in the on-line application. Applicant screening will begin on April 1, 2016 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

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