

**Position Announcement:  
Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist in Water Resource Economics and Policy  
University of California Riverside**

The School of Public Policy at the University of California Riverside invites applications for the position of Assistant Cooperative Extension (CE) Specialist in Water Resource Economics and Policy. This is an 11-month position (100% CE) beginning July 1, 2018. The Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist in Water Resource Economics/Policy shall provide leadership throughout the state to develop mission-oriented research programs among colleagues and universities, and to facilitate teamwork among government agencies, stakeholder groups, and private industry with a focus on promoting sustainable and cost-effective strategies for addressing water-related issues, such as water scarcity/drought, water quality, and flooding. The Assistant CE Specialist will also provide technical support to other specialists, extension advisors, state and local officials and stakeholders in a region and state with an active and vibrant water community seeking progressive solutions. The technical support will be in areas such as urban/municipal water use and water conservation programs including alternative pricing structures (e.g., budget-based tiered rates and drought pricing) and rebate programs (e.g., turfgrass removal); direct and indirect potable reuse; cost-effective water pollution regulation; water trading; groundwater recharge/management; irrigation efficiency; design of enforcement and monitoring strategies; incentives for the adoption of best management practices and technologies.

This policy-oriented individual is expected to have expertise in water conservation, urban-agricultural water use, wastewater treatment and reuse, management of storm water, or related areas. A Ph.D. in economics or agricultural economics, or a closely-related field with a background in water management and/or resource conservation is required by the time of appointment. The candidate must exhibit strong quantitative and analytical skills, as well as strong communication skills. While there is no formal teaching responsibility associated with this position, the person to be hired may participate in the supervision of graduate students in the School of Public Policy and in other campus programs. In addition to publishing technical and nontechnical papers and reports and developing mission-oriented extension education programs for stakeholders, the successful candidate is expected to generate external funds to support their research program. Advancement through the ranks at the University of California system is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations which typically occur every 2-3 years with substantial peer input.

Candidates must submit their *curriculum vitae*, three letters of reference, a statement of extension interests, a statement of research interests, and a statement of contributions to diversity. All materials must be uploaded using UCR's on-line application system located at <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00858>. To ensure full consideration, applications and supporting materials should be received by December 20, 2017.

About the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). UCCE is a part of the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), and has fifty county offices spread throughout California and at the three UC Land Grant universities (UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Riverside). CE Specialists are an integral part of UC system through their role in incubating and providing science-based information to solve locally-relevant economic, agricultural, natural resource, youth development and nutrition issues. These experts regularly partner with local innovators, as well as local, regional, and state agencies to develop and disseminate best practices through UC's expansive local and global networks. Consequently, this CE Specialists have a tremendous opportunity to conduct policy-relevant and applied research and extension education activities to influence policy and improve people's lives.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification. Further information about the department and programs may be obtained at <https://spp.ucr.edu/>, while information about UC Riverside and its commitment to diversity may be obtained at <http://diversity.ucr.edu/>. For more information about the position, please contact Search Committee Chair, Dr. Kurt Schwabe, School of Public Policy, University of California, Riverside ([kurt.schwabe@ucr.edu](mailto:kurt.schwabe@ucr.edu)). Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

