

Position Announcement (February 28, 2019)

Title: Agriculture Issue Leader

The Agriculture Issue Leader provides program leadership for the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the agriculture and horticulture program area of the association.

The Agriculture Issue Leader will:

- Develop and deliver programs in a specific subject of broad importance to the Agricultural program area (Agriculture Economic Development, Food Systems, Ag & the Environment (e.g. climate smart agriculture, carbon farming, water issues, etc.) and Farmland Protection)
- Lead a team of program educators and volunteers implementing a range of educational programs
- Secure funds and effective management of resources available
- Develop programming that reflects responses to identified needs
- Collaborate with staff, volunteers, local community groups, and other stakeholders throughout the community region to address high priority issues and maximize effective use of community resources to bolster community and economic development.
- Serve as a senior member of the Association's Leadership Team

This position is with [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County](#), which serves our community's diverse needs through responsive programs run by committed staff. With about 80 employees and over a thousand volunteers, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County strengthens youth, adults, families and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work. Our office offers a friendly work environment that welcomes all forms of diversity, and places a value on work-life balance. It is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a Master's Degree in Agricultural related field and at least 4 years related experience in program development, delivery and management; a relevant PhD may substitute for 2 years experience.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively engage a diversity of stakeholders, committees or consultants in the development of program direction.
- Demonstrated experience in facilitating community engaged processes, building consensus, and achieving results, especially for underserved audiences.
- Ability to initiate, plan, organize, implement, teach and evaluate informal and innovative educational programs using a wide variety of program delivery methods.
- Demonstrated skills in effectively communicating complex information through oral, written, and visual channels, and through social media
- Broad understanding of regional, statewide and/or national agricultural issues and initiatives specifically in areas of: Agriculture Economic Development, Food Systems, Agriculture Environmental issues, and Farmland Protection
- Demonstrated ability to conduct research projects and understand, evaluate and summarize data for effective reporting. Demonstrated ability to provide supervision and guidance to staff and volunteers.
- Demonstrated ability to secure, develop, and manage resources.
- Significant grant writing and grant management experience.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer.

Hours/Benefits: Position is full-time and includes full benefit package including health and dental insurance, retirement, life insurance and more.

Inquiries: Questions in advance of application should be directed to Kenneth Schlather, Executive Director, 607-272-2292 or email ks47@cornell.edu.

Application: Individuals interested in this position should apply on-line. A link to the full position description and application process is available at: ccetompkins.org/jobs. The posting will remain open until we have a suitable pool of candidates. Resume review will begin on March 28, 2019.

**Individuals who bring a diverse perspective and are supportive
of diversity are strongly encouraged to apply.**

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