



Extension Wildlife Damage Specialist – Extension Assistant Professor

The Clemson Cooperative Extension Service at Clemson University invites applications for the Extension Wildlife Damage Specialist – Extension Assistant Professor position.

[Clemson University](#) is a Top-30 public, land-grant university designated as an R1 research institution with strong community engagement. The Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences (CAFLS) on the main university campus and across South Carolina in 46 county offices and six Research and Education Centers (RECs). CAFLS has world-class research, teaching and Extension programs in agriculture and natural resources and is committed to creating work and learning spaces that attract and celebrate a diverse community of scholars.

The Extension Wildlife Damage Specialist is a non-tenure-track Extension Assistant Professor position specializing in human-wildlife conflicts and wildlife damage management. This position is a 12-month appointment with a 100% in Extension. The anticipated starting date is January 1, 2025. The successful candidate will be located on the main campus of Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

The Extension Wildlife Damage Specialist will collaborate with diverse partners to develop and implement a problematic wildlife program in South Carolina to help reduce damage caused by wild hogs, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife. The successful candidate will be involved in the following specific duties:

- Lead the development and implementation of a problematic wildlife program in South Carolina to help reduce damage caused by wild hogs, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife.
- Collaborate with state agriculture and natural resource agencies (South Carolina Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources), federal agencies (USDA Wildlife Services), universities, and non-government partner organizations (South Carolina Farm Bureau) to develop and implement a problematic wildlife program in South Carolina to help reduce damage caused by wild hogs, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife.
- Be an active member of the Clemson Extension Forestry and Wildlife Resources Team.
- Supervise two Extension Wildlife Damage Associates that will assist in developing and implementing a problematic wildlife program in South Carolina to help reduce damage caused by wild hogs, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife.
- Provide support and training for Extension county programs and Extension Agents.
- Work closely with faculty and staff in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.
- Provide leadership of the South Carolina Wild Hog Task Force (<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/wildlife/wildhogs>).
- Pursue grants and other opportunities to partner with federal and non-government organizations to elevate the Problematic Wildlife Program.
- On an adjunct basis to the Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation, teach WFB 4440/6440 Wildlife Damage Management once a year.

- Lead a Clemson undergraduate Creative Inquiry internship course on human-wildlife conflict issues through county Extension offices.
- Provide mentorship for undergraduate students interested in wildlife damage management.
- Be a member in good standing with The Wildlife Society.
- Be active in The Wildlife Society's Wildlife Damage working group.

Qualifications

Qualifications include a Ph.D. in wildlife damage management, human-wildlife conflicts, wildlife conservation, natural resources or a similar discipline with experience in wildlife damage management. The successful candidate will have demonstrated good written and oral communication skills to effectively convey complex information to various audiences, including farmers, stakeholders, or community members, and a strong record of Extension work and grant-funded scholarship. The candidate will also have demonstrated problem-solving skills to assess challenges and develop practical and effective solutions. Additionally, preferred candidates will have demonstrated a commitment to Extension excellence.

Application Instructions

The Search Committee will review candidates on December 2, 2024, and continue until the position is filled. Applications should include 1) a letter of interest that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described above and the applicant's motivation to apply; 2) a detailed curriculum vitae; 3) official academic transcripts; and 4) a list of five references (these will not be contacted unless a candidate reaches the interview phase of the search).

Inquiries and nominations can be submitted confidentially to Greg Yarrow (gyarrow@clemson.edu). To be considered, applications must be submitted electronically via the link below:

https://jobs.clemson.edu/psc/ps/JOBS/EXT/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=109411&PostingSeq=1