

## ***Position Announcement***

### **LEOPOLD CENTER VISITING FACULTY PROGRAM**

**The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University** seeks an individual with an established, nationally recognized record of accomplishment, a Ph.D. in a field related to sustainable agriculture, a strong scientific background, and demonstrated interest and proficiency in sustainable agriculture for a 9- to 12-month (non-renewable) visiting faculty position to work in the Center's Ecology Initiative. The faculty member will serve in-residence at ISU and be affiliated with an academic department or research unit at ISU. The Center will provide up to 50 percent of yearly salary/benefits stipend and limited operating funds for research and outreach needs.

**Purpose:** The 2010 Visiting Faculty member will work with the Center's Ecology Initiative and with ISU faculty and staff to examine systems-based approaches to agricultural production that protect and improve the long-term health and resilience of agricultural communities and associated natural systems. Special attention should be directed toward assessments of how various forms of diversity affect the ability of agricultural systems to provide multiple benefits to society and the environment. Faculty members in this program are expected to conduct research and extend information and education on sustainable agriculture to Iowans. The faculty member and the Leopold Center will jointly determine the research topics and plan of work.

**Who may apply:** Applicants must be faculty members at their home institution. The Center encourages applicants representing a wide range of geographic locations, professional perspectives, and skill sets. Applicants must have a Ph.D. and demonstrated academic proficiency in a field related to sustainable agriculture research or education.

**Criteria for selection:** Selection of the 2010 Leopold Visiting Faculty will be based on a competitive review of (1) the applicant's academic and professional credentials in sustainable agriculture, (2) the proposed plan of work and study, especially creative and innovative ideas for engaging interest in the multiple benefits of sustainable agriculture, and (3) tangible impacts of the proposed work (research and outreach) for Iowans.

**End Products/Goals:** To be specified in the work plan and negotiated with faculty member. Evaluation will be conducted by the selection committee and prospective academic department sponsor based on completion of the work plan.

**Deadline for submission of application:** July 15, 2009. Decision to be made by September 15, 2009.

**How to apply:** Please fill out and return the application form found at <http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/scholar.pdf> with your qualifications for the position, proposed work plan, vita, and tentative budget. Please include a cover letter specifying your availability and expectations for the position.

**Send application to:** Dr. Jerry DeWitt, Director, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University, 209 Curtiss Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1050; 515/294-3711. Please send one hard copy to the Curtiss Hall address and an electronic copy via email to [jdewitt@iastate.edu](mailto:jdewitt@iastate.edu), using the subject line Leopold Visiting Faculty Program.