

**Extension Assistant Professor – Utah Agriculture in the Classroom
Utah State University**

Position Summary: This position, located in Logan, Utah, is responsible for directing the [Utah Agriculture in the Classroom \(AITC\)](#) program as part of [Utah State University Extension](#). The program staff develops, promotes, and presents PreK-12 teacher resources as a member of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization. The program is designed to enhance the ability of teachers to increase student knowledge in agricultural literacy while meeting mandatory Utah core standards in science, social studies, nutrition, and career and technical education. This is a fiscal year (12-month), tenure-track appointment within the [Applied Sciences, Technology & Education Department](#) in the [College of Agriculture & Applied Sciences](#) at [Utah State University](#).

Responsibilities:

1. Manage the AITC program including budgets, personnel, and educational resources.
2. Research, create, prepare, and pilot test research-based educational resources including lesson plans and companion resources (maps, videos, instructional kits) that are grade-specific and meet Utah Core Curriculum standards for PreK-12 teachers and their students.
3. Design and distribute marketing materials including newsletters, social media posts, and infographics that promote the educational programming of Utah AITC.
4. Prepare publications and graphics for print and online distribution.
5. Develop and maintain effective partnerships with others serving in educational settings—both formal and nonformal—and agriculture-related organizations, e.g., farm bureau, FFA, 4-H
6. Promote Utah AITC at state, regional, and national agricultural conferences, conventions, and meetings.
7. Travel statewide to conduct “train-the-trainer” agricultural literacy workshops with inservice and preservice teachers.
8. Participate on relevant department, college and institutional committees.
9. Collaborate and interact with interdisciplinary faculty, programs, trade and/or professional organizations.

Department/College Highlights:

The Applied Sciences, Technology and Education (ASTE) department provides instruction to students seeking a certificate, associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree. These innovative degree programs allow students to gain expertise in the fields of agriculture, education, management, applied sciences, business, and machinery technology. The ASTE Department coordinates teacher licensure in agricultural education; business education; family and consumer sciences education; and technology and engineering education. The mission of the [College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences](#) is to enhance the lives of people through education, discovery and outreach, which collectively guide the ethical and sustainable use of land, food, water, and economic resources, thereby improving the health and well-being of humans, plants, animals and the environment.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Master’s degree in Extension, agricultural education, or related major, e.g., career and technical education, agricultural communication
2. Three years teaching experience in formal or nonformal settings
3. Competency and experience with word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software, graphics software, and desktop publishing software
4. Evidence of ability to design, deliver, and evaluate quality educational curricula and instruction for grades PreK-12
5. Evidence of excellent communication skills, e.g., public speaking, presentations, social media postings, online communication
6. Ability to work with diverse audiences

7. Experience and/or knowledge in and about the field of agriculture, especially as it relates to socioscientific issues, e.g. natural resources, sustainability, water, food security, genetic engineering, ecosystem and biodiversity, climate, energy, etc.
8. Experience in writing grant proposals, securing funding, and/or executing grant objectives

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Doctoral degree in in Extension, agricultural education, or related major, e.g., career and technical education, agricultural communication
2. Demonstrated ability to secure grant funding and and execute grant objectives
3. Knowledge of current trends in education including familiarity with Utah Core Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, the C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards, and National Agricultural Literacy Outcomes
4. Experience with development of online education resources and/or courses
5. Positive experiences in managing people and projects
6. Demonstrated knowledge of marketing to the educational community
7. Experience in working with development and/or advancement offices

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience, plus excellent benefits

Search Committee Members:

Michelle Burrows, Chair (ASTE)

Rose Judd-Murray (ASTE)

Michelle Clouse (ASTE)

Dave Francis (Extension)

Jake Powell (LAEP)

Required Documents:

Along with the online application, please attach:

1. A current resumé
2. A cover letter
3. Names and contact information for three professional references
4. A writing sample, e.g., lesson plan, newsletter, scholarly paper