



# California State University, Fresno

Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Viticulture and Enology

Vacancy # 13398

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## Winegrape Production Assistant/Associate/Professor

California State University, Fresno is an engaged University. We focus on broadening students' intellectual horizons, fostering lifelong learning skills, developing the leaders of tomorrow, promoting community involvement, and instilling an appreciation of world cultures. We nurture cultural competence by celebrating the rich diversity of the campus community and welcoming the participation of all. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff and students from diverse ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. For information on the University's commitment and dedication to creating a university known for its integrity, civility, equity, respect and ethical behavior, please visit: <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/diversity>

- Available for Academic Year: 2018/2019.
- Fresno State has been recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI); an Asian American/Native American/Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI); and has been designated to the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Faculty members gain a clear path to tenure through the University's Probationary Plan Process.
- Salary placement depends upon academic preparation and professional experience.
- California State University, Fresno is a vibrant and growing campus. When necessary, the University may decide to make more than one faculty appointment from a single search.

### Position Summary:

The Department of Viticulture and Enology has an opening for a tenure-track or tenured faculty 9-month (academic year) appointment with a 12-month assignment. The position emphasizes wine grape production and vineyard management. The successful candidate will teach in the areas of general viticulture, mechanized viticulture, and advanced grape and vine enterprise management in cooperation with the campus vineyard and winery management personnel. The successful candidate will advise students, supervise student research projects, and engage in a rigorous scientific research agenda. The successful candidate must have research and industry outreach interests in vineyard mechanization and the application of precision management practices to vineyard conditions in the San Joaquin Valley. Faculty researchers are expected to seek external support through grants and contracts. Faculty researchers are also expected to collaborate with other research scientists as well as disseminate research results. Regular interaction and cooperation with the grape and wine industries is expected. The successful candidate will receive a temporary assignment as the Bronco Chair of Viticulture Research, which may be renewed based on satisfactory performance and availability of funding. This 12-month assignment provides up to 50% assigned time during the academic year for industry related research in mechanized or precision viticulture. All faculty will engage in high impact practices that promote student success such as, but not limited to, internships, international/global experiences, service learning and collaborative assignments. Service at all levels of university governance and within the wine and grape industry are also expected. Willingness and ability to work in collaborative multi-disciplinary teams and to complete tasks on time are essential characteristics of the person filling this position. Specific assignments will depend on department needs. Outcomes assignment and service learning are important components of the university curriculum. The successful candidate will be expected to work cooperatively with faculty and staff in the department, college and university, as well as with grape and wine industry representatives.

### Overview:

It is the goal of the Department of Viticulture and Enology to be a world-class center of excellence that effectively meets the educational research needs of students and the broader grape and wine community. The Department provides a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students with a practical hands-on education through its degree, certificate, and solution-focused research programs. The Department currently serves approximately 150 students through its MS in Viticulture and Enology, BS in Enology, BS in Viticulture, and Certificate of Special Study in Enology. These academic programs are supported by a strong group of faculty and staff with a commitment to education, research, and industry outreach and service.

The research program is supported by the Viticulture and Enology Research Center (VERC) as part of the California Agricultural Technology Institute. Additional facilities include the Jordan College Graduate Lab, the newly-opened Jordan Agricultural Research Center, the Olam Sensory Laboratory, the University Agricultural Laboratory (UAL), and the V.E. Petrucci Library. VERC provides research laboratory space, major instrumentation, outreach event support, endowed student research assistantships, and industry supported research chairs. The UAL includes a 120-acre vineyard, raisin processing plant, and the nation's first commercial winery located within a college campus. The V.E. Petrucci Library, a collection of Henry Madden Library embedded within the Department of Viticulture and Enology, is dedicated to resources related to viticulture and enology. Librarian research support helps students, faculty, and members of the industry access and use these resources.

For more than half a century, Fresno State's viticulture and enology programs and our students have benefited from close connections and collaboration with the grape and wine industry and our strong, involved, and successful alumni throughout California and the world.

**Required Education:**

An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Viticulture, Plant Science, Plant Physiology, Horticultural Science, Precision Agriculture, or related discipline is required for appointment to a tenure track position. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) will be considered. For appointment, the doctorate must be completed by August 1, 2018 (date of appointment).

**Required Experience:**

- 1) Commitment to and potential for teaching excellence;
- 2) Evidence of publications in scholarly journals;
- 3) Commitment to and potential for scholarly activity at the university level and successful grant writing;
- 4) Strong oral and written communication skills, and;
- 5) Ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Appointment to the rank of Associate Professor or Professor and an appointment with tenure requires an established and outstanding record of research, publication, and successful grant writing commensurate with the respective rank.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- 1) Experience in wine grape production and vineyard mechanization systems;
- 2) Experience teaching, advising, and working with undergraduate and graduate students;
- 3) Productive postdoctoral research or experience;
- 4) A publication record that is commensurate with the candidate's experience;
- 5) Ability to obtain outside funding for research;
- 6) A strong understanding of the challenges facing the wine and grape industries in the San Joaquin Valley and knowledge to prepare students for careers in these industries; and
- 7) An ability to work effectively with the wine and grape industry in the San Joaquin Valley to address regional challenges.

**Application Procedures:**

Review of applications will begin February 16, 2018, and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, applicants must complete an on-line application at [jobs.csufresno.edu](http://jobs.csufresno.edu) and attach the following:

- (1) a cover letter specifically addressing required experience and preferred qualifications;
- (2) a curriculum vitae;
- (3) a statement of research or outreach plan(s); and
- (4) the names, titles, addresses, phone/fax numbers, and email addresses of five professional references.

Finalists will be required to submit

- (1) three current letters of recommendation and (2) official transcripts.

For inquiries, contact: Dr. Sonet Van Zyl, Search Committee Chair; California State University, Fresno; Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology; Department of Viticulture and Enology; 2360 E Barstow Ave, VR 89; Fresno, CA 93740-8003; Phone: 559-278-5390; E-mail: [svanzyl@csufresno.edu](mailto:svanzyl@csufresno.edu).

**Other Requirements:**

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Fresno has made crime-reporting statistics available to applicants, students, and employees on-line at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/police/clery/index.shtml>. Print copies are available by request from the Campus Police Department.

A background check (including criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily for this position. An offer of employment may be withdrawn or employment may be terminated based upon the results of the background investigation.

The person holding this position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 Revised July 21, 2017 as a condition of employment. You can obtain a copy of this Executive order by accessing the following web site: <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1083.html>.

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