The Biology Department (www.bio.umass.edu/biology) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the area of the **Evolutionary Developmental Biology of Plants** to start as soon as September 1, 2013. We seek individuals with a strong record of research at the interface between developmental and evolutionary biology. Applications are welcome from candidates pursuing questions at any phylogenetic level, from the origins and mechanisms of evolutionary novelty to the significance of phenotypic variation in any group of plants. UMass is home to a live plant diversity collection containing nearly 700 genera from more than 225 families that can be used for teaching and research. A Ph.D. in Biology or a related field and postdoctoral experience are required. Application materials should include a curriculum vita, research plan, and teaching statement. Applicants should also have three reference letters sent to the address below. Evaluation of applications will begin on **October 5, 2012** and continue until the position is filled. Application materials may be sent via email to: PlantEvoDevoSearch@bio.umass.edu. If needed, paper applications can be sent to: PlantEvoDevo Search # R44071, Biology Department, Attn: Zoe Crowley, 611 North Pleasant Street, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.

The Biology Department provides an interactive and broad research environment, with faculty research spanning all levels of biological organization. Especially strong research clusters focus on plant biology, cell biology, nervous system development and function, functional morphology, and evolution. New faculty members will have the opportunity to participate in strong graduate training programs in Plant Biology (www.bio.umass.edu/plantbio), Organismic and Evolutionary Biology (www.bio.umass.edu/oeb) and Molecular and Cellular Biology (www.bio.umass.edu/mcb). The University is part of the 5 College Consortium (www.fivecolleges.edu) in the beautiful Pioneer Valley in Western Massachusetts, just 2 hours from Boston and 3 hours from New York City.

The University provides an intellectual environment committed to providing academic excellence and diversity including mentoring programs for faculty. The College of Natural Sciences and the Department of Biology are committed to increasing the diversity of the faculty, student body, and the curriculum. We strongly encourage women and members of minority groups to apply. The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions will be filled contingent upon University funding.