Assistant Plant Pathology Specialist in Cooperative Extension

Job #JPF00736

- AGRICULTURE - PLANT PATHOLOGY

Recruitment Period

Open October 6th, 2015 through December 15th, 2015
If you apply to this recruitment by December 15th, 2015, you will have until June 30th, 2016 to complete your application.

Description

FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT SPECIALIST IN COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR VEGETABLE AND FIELD CROP PATHOLOGY in the Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis

The Department of Plant Pathology has a research, teaching and outreach mission to develop and disseminate comprehensive basic and applied knowledge regarding the interactions among plants, pathogens and their environment. A Cooperative Extension (CE) Specialist is being recruited to conduct original applied research with the goal of achieving more effective management of diseases affecting vegetable and field crops. The successful candidate will bring visibility and cohesion to CE academics and other researchers and educators involved in the study of vegetable and field crop diseases. Research and outreach activities will be closely integrated with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), county and campus-based CE academics and stakeholders as well as ladder rank faculty. The appointee will be a faculty member in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of California, Davis.

Responsibilities: This is a full time, career-track appointment that includes the expectation that the appointee will conduct mission-oriented research and engage in outreach that advances the mission of the Department of Plant Pathology and ANR. The focus of this position will be on diseases affecting vegetable and field crops in California. Accordingly, applicants should have the professional background necessary to conduct original research on the biology of plant pathogens and their interaction with host plants.

Extension Teaching: A person in this position is expected to provide leadership as a liaison between campus-based researchers, CE academics, and clientele groups such as growers, county advisors, pest control advisors and other agricultural industry professionals. This will include providing information to stakeholders through print publications, web-based resources and in-person presentations, and serving as a resource for CE academics.

Applied Research: The successful candidate will: 1) coordinate applied research related to vegetable and field crop pathology in collaboration with campus faculty, CE academics and other researchers; 2) conduct, and publish the results of applied research or other creative activities designed to resolve disease problems; and 3) Emphasize environmentally sound, integrated
approaches to disease management. Specific areas of research may include: reduction of fungicide use through forecasting based on disease epidemiology, management of fungicide resistant pathogens, use of biological controls and cultural practices for disease reduction, and development of integrated pest management programs that contribute to sustainability of vegetable and field crops.

Professional Competence and Activity: The candidate will be expected to participate in professional society activities including presenting papers at national and international meetings; reviewing manuscripts and grant proposals in her/his area of expertise; and establishing productive working relationships with scientists and extension personnel in other states and countries. The expectation is to gain national and international recognition for scholarly contributions to the science and practice of plant pathology, as she/he advances to higher ranks in the UC system.

University and Public Service: The candidate will serve on committees that support the operation of the university and ANR as well as advisory councils and boards appropriate to the candidate’s area of expertise. The candidate should ultimately be recognized as a knowledgeable person who can provide reliable and unbiased information germane to disease problems affecting vegetable and field crop production in the state of California.

Qualifications: The applicant should have a Ph.D. degree in plant pathology or closely allied discipline. Postdoctoral experience is desirable but is not required. The successful candidate must have a record that documents productivity in research as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.
Appointment Date: Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or soon after March 1, 2016.
Applications: Applications should be submitted on-line at https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Robert Gilbertson, Search Committee Chair, voice (530) 752-3163 and email rlgilbertson@ucdavis.edu.

Applicants should submit: curriculum vitae including publication list; statement of research and extension interests and goals; a summary or abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation; copies or links to recent relevant publications; and names, addresses including e-mail, and telephone numbers of at least three references. The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by December 15, 2015.

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Requirements

Documents

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V., including publication list. If the publications are not linked electronically, please use the spaces below to add your top 5 most significant publications
- Statement of Research - Statement of research and extension interests and goals
- Copies or links to recent relevant publications
- A summary or abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation
- Statement of Contributions to Diversity - Diversity contributions documented in the application file will be used to evaluate applicants. Visit http://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/diversity/equity_inclusion/index.html for guidelines about writing a diversity statement and why one is requested. (Optional)
- Cover Letter (Optional)
- Publication #1 (Optional)
- Publication #2 (Optional)
- Publication #3 (Optional)
- Publication #4 (Optional)
- Publication #5 (Optional)

References

3-5 references required (contact information only)

How to apply
1. Create an ApplicantID
2. Provide required information and documents
3. If any, provide required reference information

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