

PLANT PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



The Department of Biology at Utah State University invites applications for a 12-month tenure-track position in plant pathology at the Assistant Professor rank (50% Extension, 45% research, and 5% service). The successful applicant is expected to develop a quality outreach education and research program on plant diseases of economic importance to Utah, with a focus on specialty crops, such as fruits, vegetables, turfgrass, or ornamentals. The position involves supervision of the plant disease diagnostician in the Utah Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab and participation in the Western/National Plant Diagnostic Network. The successful applicant is expected to sustain an externally funded integrated research and Extension program that complements departmental and university interests (e.g., in Colleges of Science, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Center for Integrated Biosystems, Ecology Center, or USDA Labs). Agricultural Experiment Station research funds and an Extension operating budget are provided. Extension responsibilities will require statewide travel. The position is based in the Department of Biology on the Utah State University campus in Logan.

Applicants must possess a PhD degree in plant pathology or a comparable field, and have demonstrated expertise in plant disease management. Preference will be given to those with experience in Extension or similar outreach programs, and a familiarity with the Land-Grant University system. Successful applicants must demonstrate effective communication, team, and leadership skills, and a proven track record in publication. Applicants must apply online at: <http://www.usu.edu/hr/> and are required to submit: a curriculum vitae, a cover letter with a summary of qualifications and a statement of interest, and the names and contact information of three references. Inquiries may be addressed to Dr. Diane G. Alston, Search Committee Chair (diane.alston@usu.edu). Review of applications will begin 17 November 2009 and will continue until the position is filled.

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