

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Post Doc Associate –Research Plant Pathology/Microbial Ecology

Location: EPI / PLANT PATHOLOGY
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (UF)
GAINESVILLE, FL

Salary: \$35,000 /year, plus post doctoral associate benefits of UF

Position Open To: Review of the applicants will begin on Mar 15, 2009 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Plant Epidemiology Group at the new interdisciplinary Emerging Pathogens Institute and the Plant Pathology Department of the University of Florida in Gainesville is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to work on the microbial ecology of bacterial human and plant pathogens in agroecosystems. The candidate will carry out research independently in collaboration with the faculty supervisor on the identity, biology, epidemiology and management of enteric human pathogens and plant pathogens in the agricultural environment in the state of Florida; combine the use of molecular tools for ecological research with risk- and/or simulation modeling; co-supervise MSc and PhD students in the same research area; and assist with writing of grant proposals. The incumbent is expected to conduct fundamental and applied research and publish in international refereed journals. This position will initially be for one year, but potentially for 3 years depending on the performance of the postdoctoral associate. Implementation of the Affirmative Action program of the University of Florida is required.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: A PhD in microbial ecology or plant epidemiology will be required; experience with simulation or risk modeling is an advantage. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, ability to establish and maintain good interpersonal relationships, and to procure extramural funding. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This position is housed partly at the Emerging Pathogens Institute and partly at the Plant Pathology Department in Gainesville, Florida. The Emerging Pathogens Institute is a new interdisciplinary institute dealing with introduced and threatening human, veterinary and plant disease problems. It will be housed in a new building from August 2009. The Plant Pathology Department is a well-established and renowned research and educational institution with 13 faculty members located on the Gainesville campus and 24 faculty located across the state at research and education centers. Currently the department has 31 graduate students. The University of Florida is a Land-Grant institution with an enrollment in excess of 48,000 students on the Gainesville campus.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested persons are requested to submit electronically the following items: (1) A statement of your intention to apply including a short paragraph about your personal goals if you were selected for this position; (2) Resume; (3) List of publications in international refereed journals; (4) A copy of transcripts from all universities attended; and (4) Names of three individuals with first-hand knowledge of your academic accomplishments/post graduate work experience. All of the above items must be submitted by the closing date of March 15, 2009. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

REFER TO POSITION # 0002-1989

RETURN INQUIRIES TO: Prof. Dr. Ariena van Bruggen E-Mail: ahcvanbruggen@ufl.edu
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