Assistant/Associate Professor

(Plant Pathologist/Fungal Biologist)

RANK AND NATURE OF POSITION: Assistant/Associate Professor. This position is a tenure-track 12-month appointment with 80% research (LSU AgCenter) and 20% teaching responsibilities (LSU College of Agriculture). The individual will be a faculty member of the LSU AgCenter Department of Plant Pathology & Crop Physiology.

WORK LOCATION: Department of Plant Pathology & Crop Physiology, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, LA

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The individual will establish a nationally recognized research program in the area of plant pathology with an emphasis in fungal biology that would include both basic and applied components to mitigate fungal disease problems of agricultural crops in Louisiana. The incumbent will build a research program to develop and apply translational tools to improve plant health and crop production. Potential areas of research would include, but are not limited to, food and feed safety, biological control, functional and population genomics, microbiome research, and promoting plant defense to fungal pathogens. The incumbent will be expected to collaborate with public and private sector scientists in allied areas of research. International collaborations also will be encouraged. The appointee is expected to teach a course in the departmental graduate program and contribute to other courses when appropriate. The successful candidate will be expected to serve as a major advisor and on advisory committees for Ph.D. and MS students. Obtaining extramural funding from federal and state agencies, commodity (state and national) research boards, and agro-industries to support the research program will be expected.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: A Ph.D. in plant pathology, fungal biology or a closely related field with experience in plant-pathogen interactions is required.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.
APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 10, 2018 or until a suitable candidate is selected.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply online at https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU (or through Workday for Internal applicants) by attaching in one pdf file a cover letter with resume including a statement of research interests and goals, a statement of teaching interests, and university transcripts. In addition, three letters of reference are required. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

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