



## POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Assistant/Associate Professor Plant Pathology/Virology

**WORK LOCATION:** Department of Plant Pathology & Crop Physiology, LSU Baton Rouge Campus, Louisiana

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** This is a full-time 12-month, tenure-track position with 90% research and 10% teaching appointment focused on viral diseases of economically important plants in Louisiana. The successful candidate is expected to develop a strong and innovative research program in fundamental and applied plant virology, focused on plant diseases caused by viruses and viroids but may include interactions of viruses with other plant pathogens or vectors at the molecular or ecological level. The successful candidate will possess the requisite technical skills to build an innovative program at the forefront of plant virology research and train the next generation of plant virologists. The appointee is expected to teach a graduate course in plant virology and contribute to other courses when appropriate. The successful candidate will also 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 virology/plant pathology. Postdoctoral experience in plant virology highly desirable.

**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.

**DATE AVAILABLE:** Upon completion of the interview process.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** **January 15, 2022** or until a suitable candidate is identified.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or in Workday for internal applicants) by attaching cover letter with resume, a research and teaching statement (one page), university transcripts, and three letters of reference. 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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