

## \$\$\$\$\$ The Plant Diagnostic Center is hiring! \$\$\$\$\$

**Who:** Current or recent undergraduate or graduate student who is

- In plant pathology, microbiology, agronomy/horticulture/entomology/nematology
- Scientifically curious, reliable, and can work independently as well as with others
- Can follow directions and ask questions
- Available at least 15 hours per week, on-campus (all positions are in-person)
- Fluent English verbal and written communication skills; bilingual in scientific Spanish pays extra if candidate is interested in translating our extension/teaching products!
- Teaching position requires fluency in use of Canvas and Powerpoint, with previous students of PLP6291 (Plant Disease Diagnosis) preferred.

**Attitude and aptitude matter more than specific skills (we provide all training needed for the job)**

**What:** Hourly lab, teaching, and extension positions available, starting salary \$15/hr (higher with specific skills) Three hourly (OPS) positions in the Gainesville main campus plant disease diagnostic laboratory.

- **Laboratory assistant (2 available)**, starting salary \$15/hr (higher with specific skills): duties include (but are not limited to): maintenance of glassware (cleaning, autoclaving, etc.), greenhouse plant care, culture media preparation, sterile technique (plating), triage support to laboratory personnel, computer work (download/upload photos, logging in samples, etc.), and contact with extension clientele. The successful candidates will be trained for all duties, with all training provided by lab personnel. This is an opportunity to learn techniques used in research, commercial, and diagnostic laboratories, as well as experience extension service to growers, extension faculty, and other extension clientele and contacts. Long-term employment is possible.
- **Teaching assistant** position (1 available, starting salary \$15/hr (higher with specific skills)) will assist Dr. Carrie Harmon with online course development in Canvas and in-course facilitation Summer A and Fall semesters. Long-term employment is possible.

**When:** spring and summer 2024 (and beyond!), starting April 15, for up to 40 hours per week. Commitment through July is necessary; commitment into 2025 is preferred. Rolling applications accepted until April 15.

**Where:** Plant Diagnostic Center, Building 1291, 2570 Hull Road (just northeast of Fifield Hall)

The IFAS Plant Diagnostic Center houses active extension training and teaching programs, along with the regional center lab for the southern region of the National Plant Diagnostic Network. We process approximately 3000 plant problem samples per year from Florida, the United States, and abroad.

**Why:** Gain valuable laboratory and extension experience and a paycheck to boot! Work with committed scientists-in-training and 20+ year veterans of plant disease diagnostics and education.

**How to apply:** Email [PDC@IFAS.UFL.EDU](mailto:PDC@IFAS.UFL.EDU) with a brief introduction/cover letter that includes why you are interested and why you might be a good fit and relevant laboratory/extension/teaching experience and work history, with subject line: hourly employment (teaching/extension/laboratory – indicate which you are interested in, please). Deadline midnight April 15, 2024.