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Assistant or Associate Professor – Extension Plant Pathologist

The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture invites applications to fill a 12-month, non-tenure-track faculty position (75% extension, 25% applied research) in the Cooperative Extension Service with emphasis on diseases impacting crop production in Arkansas and the mid-South.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate is expected to develop an active integrated extension and research program focusing on management of diseases impacting production and quality in major Arkansas crops. They will lead statewide efforts to educate farmers, extension agents, and seed and chemical industries on disease management. The successful candidate will focus on applied, field-based aspects of disease management and improvement of disease resistance/tolerance. Focal areas could include chemical control, improved host resistance, epidemiology, cultural practices, or other strategies to improve integrated management of crop plant diseases. The incumbent is expected to extend information in a variety of platforms, including fact sheets, presentations at production meetings or crop management conferences, websites, and social media. There is an expectation of successful grantsmanship, publication of peer-reviewed research and participation at national and regional meetings. The candidate will mentor graduate students, provide service to the institution and state as appropriate, and collaborate with extension and research faculty.

Qualifications: A doctoral degree in plant pathology or related discipline is required. Strong oral and written communication skills are required. Experience in a cooperative extension program and rice field pathology is preferred. Preference will be given to candidates with a demonstrated ability to work effectively across disciplines in applied agricultural systems.

The position is located at the University of Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center (RREC) in Stuttgart, AR. Candidates must apply online at https://uasys.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/UASYS/details/Assistant-Professor---Extension-Plant-Pathologist_R0010224 and include: 1) a cover letter; 2) a statement of extension and research interests; 3) curriculum vitae; and 4) names and contact information of three professional references. Potential candidates are encouraged to contact Dr. Terry Spurlock (tspurlock@uada.edu) with questions about the position.

Applications received by April 20th, 2022 are assured full consideration. Information is available online for the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology <https://enpl.uark.edu> and the RREC <https://aaes.uada.edu/research-locations/rice-research-extension-center/>

The University of Arkansas System is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The University of Arkansas System welcomes applications without regard to race/color, sex, gender, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran or military status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law. Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.