

FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIALIST IN COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR NUT and FRUIT CROP PATHOLOGY in Plant Pathology (#13-22) University of California, Davis

Title: Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension- Nut and Fruit Crop Pathology at Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, offered in the Department of Plant Pathology

The Department of Plant Pathology has a research, teaching and outreach mission to develop and disseminate comprehensive basic and applied knowledge regarding the interactions among plants, pathogens and their environment. A Cooperative Extension (CE) Specialist is being recruited to conduct original applied research with the goal of achieving more effective management of diseases affecting nut and fruit trees. The successful candidate will bring visibility and cohesion to CE academics and other researchers and educators involved in the study of nut and fruit tree diseases. Research and outreach activities will be closely integrated with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), county-based CE colleagues and clientele as well as campus based CE and ladder rank faculty. The appointee will be a faculty member in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of California, Davis but will be located at the KARE.

Responsibilities: This is a full time, career-track appointment that includes the expectation that the appointee will conduct mission-oriented research and engage in outreach that advances the mission of the Department of Plant Pathology and ANR. The focus of this position will be on diseases affecting nut and fruit crops in California. Accordingly, applicants should have the professional background necessary to conduct original research on the biology of plant pathogenic microorganisms and their interaction with host plants.

Extension Teaching: A person in this position is expected to provide leadership as a liaison between Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center (KARE) and campus-based researchers, CE academics, and clientele groups such as growers, county advisors, pest control advisors and other agricultural industry professionals. This will include providing information to clientele through print publications, web-based resources and in-person presentations, and serving as a resource for CE academics.

Applied Research: The successful candidate will: 1) coordinate applied research related to nut and fruit crop pathology in collaboration with KARE, campus faculty, CE academics and other researchers; 2) conduct, and publish the results of applied research or other creative activities designed to resolve disease problems; and 3) Emphasize environmentally sound, integrated approaches to disease management. Specific areas of research may include: reduction of fungicide use through forecasting based on disease epidemiology, management of fungicide resistant pathogens, use of biological controls and cultural practices for disease reduction, and development of disease control programs that contribute to sustainability of nut and fruit crops.

Professional Competence and Activity: The candidate will be expected to participate in professional society activities including presenting papers at national and international meetings; reviewing manuscripts and grant proposals in his/her area of expertise; and

establishing productive working relationships with scientists and extension personnel in other states and countries. The goal would be to gain national and international recognition for scholarly contributions to the science and practice of plant pathology, as he/she advances to higher ranks in the UC system.

University and Public Service: The candidate will serve on committees that support the operation of the KARE as well as university committees, ANR, advisory councils and boards appropriate to the candidate's area of expertise. The candidate should ultimately be recognized as a knowledgeable person who can provide reliable and unbiased information germane to disease problems affecting nut and fruit tree production in the state of California.

Qualifications: The applicant should have a Ph.D. degree in plant pathology or closely allied discipline. Postdoctoral experience is desirable but is not required. The successful candidate must have a record that documents productivity in research as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Appointment Date: Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or soon after January 1, 2014.

Applications: Applications should be submitted on-line at <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/>. Written inquiries should be directed to Dr. Deborah Golino, Search Committee Chair, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, One Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616, voice (530) 754-8102 and email dagolino@ucdavis.edu.

Applicants should submit: curriculum vitae including publication list; statement of research interests and goals; a summary or abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation; copies or links to recent relevant publications; and names, addresses including e-mail, and telephone numbers of at least three references. The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by September 30, 2013.

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