

Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology in molecular bacterial plant pathogen interactions

The Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology at the University of California, Riverside invites applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology is available after July 1, 2023 in the area of bacterial interactions with plants. The position is an academic year (9-month) appointment in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences and the Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/aes/>). The position will be housed at the University of California Riverside. The final candidate is expected to establish an internationally recognized, externally funded research program focused on plant-bacterial interactions using modern experimental approaches such as genetics, functional genomics or metabolomics. Topics relevant to the position may include management of invasive and endemic bacterial diseases of subtropical crops in California, plant resistance to bacterial pathogens, metabolic interactions, and interactions with the plant's microbiome. The candidate's work will be aligned with the other faculty research programs that focus on bacterial plant pathogenesis and plant immunity.

The appointee is expected to teach undergraduate and graduate courses, mentor graduate and undergraduate students, participate in campus service and outreach relevant to the California Agricultural Experiment Station.

Required qualifications that must be met at the time of application for this position include: a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, Microbiology, or a closely-related discipline; postdoctoral experience is preferred. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Appointment level and salary are commensurate with experience.

Advancement through the Assistant Professor ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input. Faculty members who hold AES appointments have a responsibility to conduct mission- relevant research and outreach that include fundamental and applied research for the purposes of developing new knowledge and technologies addressing specific problems of importance to the people of California, and dissemination of knowledge and technology with a focus on agricultural, environmental, and societal issues related to agricultural and natural resource systems.

To apply: Submit following to <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF01655>:

- Cover Letter – Short cover letter describing background and interests.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Research/Scholarly Activities (2 page maximum)
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy (2 page maximum)
- Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence – Applicants should summarize their past and/or potential future

contributions to promoting a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment, which can be reflected through research, teaching, supervision, mentoring, community engagement, service, and any of the other varied activities that are a part of an academic career (2 page maximum).

- Letters of Reference (3).

Review of applications will begin November 14, 2022 but the position will remain open until filled.

For more information about this position, contact Dr. Caroline Roper, Chair of the Search Committee, at mcroper@ucr.edu. For questions on application procedures and requirements, please contact Mrs. Kendall Dunmore-Balderrama, Academic Personnel, at kendall.dunmore@ucr.edu.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

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University of California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy: As a condition of employment, you will be required to comply with the University of California [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Vaccination Program Policy](#). All Covered Individuals under the policy must provide proof of Full Vaccination or, if applicable, submit a request for Exception (based on Medical Exemption, Disability, and/or Religious Objection) or Deferral (based on pregnancy) no later than the applicable deadline. Please refer to Appendix F, Section II.C. of the policy for the deadlines applicable to new University of California employees. (Capitalized terms in this paragraph are defined in the policy.) Federal, state, or local public health directives may impose additional requirements.