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## PLANT DIAGNOSTICIAN

The Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (New Haven Campus) is seeking applicants for an anticipated full-time plant disease diagnostician at the level of Agricultural Technician I. The primary responsibility of this position is to support all aspects of the Plant Disease Information Office (PDIO), a full-service plant disease diagnostic laboratory serving all Connecticut nurseries, farms, and gardeners. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: helping members of the public with sample submissions and other questions, performing diagnostic tests on received samples using molecular, serological, biochemical, and traditional diagnostic methods, and recording and reporting the results. Additional responsibilities and duties may include managing the state plant disease database, participating in events and meetings for the National Plant Diagnostic Network, ordering supplies, and performing seed germination tests. The diagnostician will assist the Plant Pathologist in charge of the PDIO and will be expected to assist with outreach programs by contributing to publications, articles, and web resources and by giving presentations to the public. This is a permanent state government position with a starting salary of \$50,709/yr. It includes competitive union medical, dental, and retirement benefits, and paid vacation and state holidays.

**Required Qualifications:** Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree in Plant Pathology or a closely related field with at least one year of appropriate experience. The successful applicant should have a general knowledge and experience of the taxonomy, isolation, and identification of major plant pathogens and a good understanding of general laboratory techniques. **Preferred Qualifications:** A Master's degree in Plant Pathology or related field with at least 1 year of experience in plant disease diagnostics, or a Bachelor's degree in Plant Pathology with at least 3 years of experience in plant disease diagnostics. The ideal applicant will be a responsible, motivated individual with excellent organizational, interpersonal, and oral and written communication skills. There is no citizenship or residency requirement to apply for this position.

**About Us:** Founded in 1875, CAES is a state-supported institution dedicated to basic and applied research that supports plant, environmental, and human health in Connecticut. Over eighty full-time researchers work at the main campus in New Haven, a 75-acre research farm in nearby Hamden, and at two satellite farm and laboratory facilities. CAES fosters a highly collaborative and collegial research environment and maintains close ties to nearby academic institutions including Yale University and the University of Connecticut.

Interested candidates should submit: 1) Curriculum Vitae, 2) a cover letter indicating your interest and qualifications for the position, 3) a copy of university transcripts (undergraduate transcripts are not required if you have a graduate degree), and 4) the names and contact information for three references. These should be sent in a single combined PDF file attachment by e-mail to **Dr. Lindsay Triplett, Chief Scientist and Head, Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology** [Lindsay.Triplett@ct.gov](mailto:Lindsay.Triplett@ct.gov). Please use the word "diagnostician" in the subject line. Applications should be sent by **September 15th** to receive full consideration for the position.

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