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Department of Environmental Science and Forestry Agricultural Research Technician I

The Department of Environmental Science and Forestry at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is seeking applicants for an Agricultural Research Technician I position in urban soil and plant health at its New Haven campus.

Duties: Primary duties will be to assist with plant and soil analyses in three different research programs run by Drs. [Susanna Keriö](#), [Itamar Shabtai](#), and [Leigh Whittinghill](#). Duties may include, but are not limited to, soil, plant, and water sample collection, processing and analysis; potting, monitoring, and caring for plants; taking measurements; collecting, entering, and summarizing data. Administrative duties may include scheduling use and maintenance of laboratory equipment, managing lab supply inventory, and managing time to complete activities of the three research groups. These duties will take place in laboratory, greenhouse, and field environments. The position is full-time (35 hours/week) from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm with some flexibility and possible hours outside the regular workday depending on requirements of various projects.

Compensation: Starting annual salary is \$53,277.00 with competitive benefits (medical, dental, and pension), paid vacation, sick time, and state holidays, and opportunities for professional development and training.

Minimum qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in any field related to plants (horticulture, botany, forestry, etc.), the environment, soil science, chemistry, or other sciences with an analytical component OR two years of college and at least three years professional experience OR high school degree or GED certification with courses in the sciences and six years of professional experience.
- Applicants must be able to lift 30 lbs.
- Applicants must have a valid driver's license.
- Experience conducting experiments and collecting data in field, greenhouse, or laboratory settings.
- Experience working independently and within a group.
- Experience with Microsoft Office products such as Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.
- Experience preparing and presenting reports, presentations, or posters.

Preferred qualifications:

- Experience following written field, greenhouse, and laboratory protocols.
- Experience with statistical analysis, preferably in R.
- Experience with data management and sample inventory and tracking.

Application instructions: Candidates should submit the following electronically in a single PDF file: **1)** A cover letter summarizing your qualifications and how they fit the position; **2)** a resume; **3)** contact information for three references along with a concise statement of their professional relationship to you, and **4)** if applicable, a copy of university transcripts (official or unofficial). (Dates of school attendance or graduation are not

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required on any application materials and can be omitted or blacked out from the resume and transcripts.) The PDF should be sent as an email attachment to Leigh.Whittinghill@ct.gov. Please include the word “technician” in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but should be submitted no later than May 1st, 2026 for full consideration.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is the nation’s first state Agricultural Experiment Station, founded in 1875. The main campus is located in New Haven, Connecticut. The CAES also encompasses a 75-acre research farm in Hamden, a satellite research facility and farm in East Windsor, and a research farm in Griswold. The CAES is a state-supported scientific research institution dedicated to improving the food, health, environment, and well-being of Connecticut residents.

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