

POSITION DESCRIPTION
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Position Title: Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Pathology

Description: The University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture invites applications for a tenure-track, 11-month faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of turfgrass diseases. This position has a 50% Extension, 30% Research, and 20% Teaching responsibility. The successful applicant will develop an externally funded extension and research program and is expected to participate in graduate student training. The person selected will work in close cooperation with research and extension personnel in turf agronomy, ornamental horticulture, integrated pest management, and biotechnology as well as scientists in other disciplines. Teaching of undergraduate courses (4 credit hours) per academic year is expected. Incumbent may be required to work at the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs and/or the campuses at Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, Torrington, Waterbury, and West Hartford.

The primary target audience for the extension program is the commercial turfgrass industries and professional turfgrass managers. The successful applicant will maintain and enhance an established disease diagnostic service for the commercial turf and horticultural industries, and provide expertise to support departmental efforts to aid the state's green industries in plant disease management. The research program will emphasize relevant sustainable and integrated disease management strategies that will complement the extension program in developing disease control practices that are ecologically compatible with the natural environment.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. degree in plant pathology or related field is required along with evidence of research and/or extension productivity. Equivalent foreign degrees are acceptable. The applicant must have experience in clinical diagnostics and applied, field-oriented turfgrass pathology. Teaching experience at the undergraduate level is required. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and the demonstrated ability to work in a team environment are necessary. Preferences will be given to those with post-doctoral or previous research and teaching experience.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Starting Date: August 23, 2010

Application: Screening of applications will begin tentatively on April 1, 2010 and will continue until an appointment is made. Applicants should submit a letter of application including statements of extension and teaching philosophies and research interests, curriculum vitae, transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and reprints of no more than three recent publications to: Dr. Karl Guillard, Turfgrass Pathology Search Committee Chair, University of Connecticut, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture Unit 4067, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT, USA 06269-4067.

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We encourage applications from under-represented groups including minorities, women, and people with disabilities.