**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Assistant Professor / Molecular Plant-Fungal Interactions**

**Division of Plant Sciences (plantsci.missouri.edu)**

**University of Missouri – Columbia**

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**Position Description**

Assistant Professor with responsibilities in research (80%) and teaching (20%). This is a tenure-track faculty position with a 9-month appointment in the Division of Plant Sciences, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

**Responsibilities**

The successful candidate will have responsibilities for research and classroom instruction in the area of molecular plant-fungal interactions. Teaching responsibilities may include an introductory course in plant pathology and/or mycology and an advanced course in molecular plant-fungal interactions.

The successful candidate will be expected to establish an active, extramurally funded and nationally and internationally recognized research program in the area of plant-fungal interactions using modern molecular approaches. It is expected that the research program will complement existing plant molecular biology and plant pathology programs, and that the successful candidate will supervise graduate students and post-docs in support of this research effort.

The individual will be encouraged to interact with other faculty and participate in the fostering of the academic development of the plant microbiology and pathology program. The University of Missouri has active programs in the plant sciences and excellent opportunities exist for cooperative investigations involving various aspects of molecular plant sciences.

The position is based on campus with excellent plant growth facilities and a rich, collaborative research environment. The research laboratory will be housed in the new Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center (lifesciences.missouri.edu) with a vision of open and collaborative research across all life science disciplines.

**Qualifications**

The appointee must have a Ph.D. in plant pathology, microbiology, molecular biology or a related discipline with postdoctoral training. The candidate must also be able to communicate and cooperate effectively with clientele groups, university research, teaching and extension personnel, and have a demonstrated capacity to participate in collaborative activities.

**Salary and Benefits**

Salary will be commensurate with training and experience. Benefits available include group health, life, dental, disability insurance and a retirement plan.

**Application Procedure:**

Applications should include: electronic submission of a letter of application describing qualifications and career goals and a curriculum vitae to PlantSci@missouri.edu. Arrange to have selected reprints and three letters of reference sent to Molecular Plant-Fungal Interactions Search Committee, c/o Margie Anglen, Division of Plant Sciences, 1-41 Agriculture Bldg., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. Please direct questions to Dr. Gary Stacey, Chair of Search Committee, at 573-884-4752 or staceyg@missouri.edu. The position will be open until filled, but to be assured of full consideration, all materials should be received by April 15, 2006. Job Description #1506188; File #050700.