

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Director, Foundation Plant Services

Academic Administrator

Department of Plant Pathology University of California, Davis

The Department of Plant Pathology (<http://plantpathology.ucdavis.edu/>) in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis is recruiting a Director for Foundation Plant Services (<https://fps.ucdavis.edu/>). This position is a fiscal year appointment as an Academic Administrator (1.0 FTE). The appointment will be in the Department of Plant Pathology.

Foundation Plant Services (FPS) is a self-supporting Center housed within the Department of Plant Pathology of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis. The Director will have administrative and management oversight of all the activities of FPS, including management of the crop programs and supporting laboratory, greenhouse and field activities, budgetary development and oversight, administration of all academic and staff personnel, and programmatic development. This position will require an extensive knowledge of all the scientific components of maintaining virus tested plant collections and first-hand experience in working with the national and international clean plant centers and the industries they serve. The Director will be responsible for a broad range of policy-level administrative and programmatic activities for FPS and provide leadership in short- and long-range planning. The Director is expected to develop an independent, productive, and competitively funded research program in applied virology, particularly regarding economically important viruses associated with FPS crop plants. As a member of the Academic Senate, the incumbent will be expected to develop a teaching program commensurate with the level of appointment. The appointee will be responsible for teaching the equivalent of one class per year in support of undergraduate and graduate programs in Plant Pathology. The director will be expected also to support the mission of plant pathology in the AES through teaching, outreach and research that is relevant to disease problems affecting agriculture and/or natural resources in the state of California. The Director will regularly participate in grower meetings, workshops, symposia, and seminars with regional, state, national, and international entities to promote the mission of FPS.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in plant pathology or closely related discipline with an emphasis on virology. Research experience with virus diseases of woody perennial specialty crops such as grapevine, fruit and nut trees and roses preferred. The candidate must have excellent writing, verbal, management, and administrative skills. The candidate must have the ability to interpret and apply the latest research findings in plant propagation and pathology, and to extend information to nursery growers and other commodity groups. The candidate should have the ability to develop and instruct undergraduate and graduate courses and the ability to develop and conduct extramurally funded research in virology.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Applications: Application materials must be submitted via the following website: <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu>. The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by **May 6, 2021**. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae including publication list, a statement of research, statement of administration experience, and a summary or abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation, the names, addresses including e-mail, and telephone numbers of three references. A statement of contributions to diversity is required. Additional inquiries should be directed to Dr. Akif Eskalen Rizzo, Search Committee Chair, aeskalen@ucdavis.edu; 530-752-0304. A more detailed position description can be found at: <http://plantpathology.ucdavis.edu/>

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