

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Department of Plant Pathology

Assistant or Associate Professor: Nematode-Plant Interactions

POSITION TITLE AND DESCRIPTION: Assistant or Associate Professor: Nematode-Plant Interactions. This is a 9month, tenure-track appointment (80% research, 20% teaching) in the Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia (UGA), Athens.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will develop a vigorous, innovative, internationally recognized, and extramurally funded research program on the molecular biology and genetics of parasitic interactions of nematodes with plants. He/she will collaborate with plant pathologists, genomicists, geneticists and breeders to better understand plant-nematode interactions and advance the understanding of the structure and function of nematode resistance in plants. There is an expectation of excellence in grantsmanship, timely communication of research findings via peer-reviewed journal articles, and active participation in the mentoring of graduate students and postdoctoral scientists. Teaching responsibilities include graduate-level Plant Nematology every other year and undergraduate Introductory Plant Pathology one semester a year.

QUALIFICATIONS: The hiring rank will be determined based on the successful candidate's prior experience and qualifications. For rank of Assistant Professor – Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, Nematology, or a closely related area. For rank of Associate Professor – Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, Nematology, or a closely related area and must provide convincing evidence of a national reputation in their field. Faculty Expectations for Promotion, Tenure and Annual Performance in the Department of Plant Pathology are summarized at http://provost.uga.edu/documents/Plant_Pathology_2015.pdf UGA Guidelines for Appointment, Promotion and Tenure can be found here:

<u>https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/UGA_Guidelines_for_APT_4_2017online.pdf</u> To be eligible for tenure on appointment, candidates must be appointed as an associate professor, have been tenured at a prior institution, and bring a demonstrably national reputation to the institution. They also must be approved for tenure upon appointment before hire.

POSITION AVAILABLE: 1 August 2019. Applications received by 13 November 2018 are assured full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

SALARY: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Mike Deom Chair of the Search Committee (deom@uga.edu). All application materials must be submitted via the university's job portal at https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/32631 Materials to be uploaded include i) cover letter addressing the candidate's experience relative to the responsibilities of the position, ii) curriculum vitae, iii) graduate-level academic transcripts, iv) statement of research and teaching interests (not to exceed 3 pages), and v) names and contact information of four professional references. Selected applicants will be required to submit to a background investigation demonstrating eligibility for employment with the University of Georgia.

UGA, a Land/Sea Grant institution, is ranked 13th among public universities in the U.S. News & World Report's 2019 edition of America's Best Colleges. The university offers a vibrant research environment with potential collaborations with faculty across the plant sciences (<u>http://plantcenter.uga.edu</u>) as well as in crop genetics (<u>http://www.plantbreeding.uga.edu</u>), bioinformatics (<u>http://iob.uga.edu</u>), and the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (<u>https://www.ccrc.uga.edu/</u>). Athens, GA, is consistently ranked highly for its quality of life and vibrant culture (<u>https://www.visitathensga.com</u>).

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.