

Job vacancy	Laboratory Technician (M/F)
Job category	Category 3 contract employee
Contract type	Fixed-term contract under public law (3 years)
Location	Le Rheu (Ille-et-Vilaine), France
Start date	As soon as possible
Remuneration	<i>According to experience and level of education by reference to the salary scales for health agencies, pursuant to Decree No. 2003-224 of 7 March 2003, or according to specific status if a civil servant.</i>

THE AGENCY AND THE ENTITY TO WHICH THE EMPLOYEE WILL BE ASSIGNED

The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) is a public administrative body reporting to the Ministries of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, the Environment, Health and Labour. It covers the fields of occupational and environmental health, food safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health, where its main priority is to help ensure the safety of workers and consumers. In order to make recommendations on public health measures, ANSES carries out independent, multidisciplinary, collective and adversarial scientific expert appraisals. It is supported by a network of 11 research and reference laboratories on 18 sites. These laboratories carry out expert appraisals, epidemiological surveillance and alert missions, while also providing scientific and technical advice. They therefore play a vital role in qualifying hazards by collecting data from networks of accredited laboratories.

ANSES facts and figures

- 1350 staff members
- 800 external experts consulted
- Annual budget of 132 million euros
- 13,800 opinions issued since 1999
- 65 national reference mandates
- 6 million euros a year allocated to support for research projects

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Recruiting entity Plant Health Laboratory (LSV)

The Laboratory, whose headquarters are in Angers, has six different sites in France. In partnership with the Belgian NRL (ILVO), the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for nematology in Rennes Le Rheu (Ille-et-Vilaine) has been carrying out European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) missions in the field of nematology since 1 January 2019. These new missions have led to the NRL broadening its own missions.

Missions/context

The laboratory therefore needs to develop new missions and extend its existing ones in partnership with its counterpart in the EURL consortium for the nematology mandate.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Missions

Under the authority of the Director of the EURL and working closely with the Scientific and Technical Project Leader, the Nematology Laboratory Technician will conduct laboratory work as part of the EURL's reference missions.

The employee recruited at the EURL will be required to carry out the following activities:

Activities

- Organisation of Interlaboratory Proficiency Tests (ILPTs), working with the Scientific and Technical Project Leader dedicated to the EURL. As such, he or she will be responsible for preparing sample panels and testing their homogeneity and stability,
- Participate in providing training on the use of analytical methods, characterisation of quarantine and emerging organisms in the field of nematology,
- Morphobiometric and molecular analyses in nematology on samples received from the NRLs for confirmation or diagnosis,
- Contribute to the development and maintenance of a nematode collection. Continuous development of the collection and provision of reference materials to the NRLs.

Special conditions

- Work subject to quality assurance (ISO 17025 and ISO 17043),
- Work in a containment laboratory,
- Work in a plant health crisis situation.

PROFILE

Qualifications required: High-school science graduate or science graduate with up to three years of higher education, and a specialisation in plant health

Similar experience

- Experience essential in a laboratory using molecular tools and morphobiometric analysis.

Skills

- Proficiency in English as a working language with the NRLs (good level of written and oral communication),
- Practical knowledge of morphobiometric and molecular analyses of plant pests,
- Knowledge of analytical methods and validation processes for these methods in plant health,
- Proficiency with IT tools (Office suite, software packages),
- Scientific rigour, organisational and teamwork skills, an ability to anticipate, critical thinking and an analytical mind, adaptability, autonomy, high ethical standards, good interpersonal skills, diplomacy,
- Awareness of "quality assurance" approaches; knowledge of ISO 17025 and ISO 17043 standards.

HOW TO APPLY

Deadline for applying: February 20, 2019

Information on the position: Laurent Folcher, Director of the EURL (laurent.folcher@anses.fr +33 (0)2 99 30 48 28) or Sylvie Gamel, Deputy Director of the EURL (sylvie.gamel@anses.fr, + 33 (0)2 99 30 92 31)

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