Position: Purdue University invites applications and nominations for the position of Head and Professor, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology in the College of Agriculture.

Responsibilities: The Head is expected to provide vision, leadership, and administration in support of the land-grant missions of teaching, research, and extension, and promote the Department in university, regional, national, and international arenas. The Head will provide leadership and supervision to the Department to cultivate an environment supportive of faculty and staff aspirations and activities. The candidate should be committed to promoting interdisciplinary research and educational opportunities, and enhancing the diversity of the faculty, students, and staff consistent with university efforts.

Qualifications: The successful candidate must have an earned doctoral degree and an outstanding record of scholarly achievement in a discipline relevant to the department with an established record of effectiveness in teaching, research, and/or extension. Candidates must qualify for the rank of full professor with tenure in the Department. Experience in a land-grant university is preferred. The person must be skilled in building teams, in managing interdisciplinary programs in research, extension, or education, and be able to relate to diverse groups including students, alumni, and clientele/general public.

Department: The Department of Botany and Plant Pathology has 28 faculty members (including 1 USDA/ARS adjunct faculty), 37 professional, clerical, and technical staff, and 112 post-doctoral, graduate, and undergraduate students. Faculty research is strongly interdisciplinary and varies from applied aspects of weed and disease management to all aspects of basic plant biology. The Department supports strong extension programs in weed science and plant pathology, including Purdue University's pesticide programs, plant and pest diagnostic lab, and herbaria. Currently, the Department is part of a new $20+ million university-level ‘Purdue Moves’ initiative to add facilities and 10 new plant science faculty positions across the College (https://ag.purdue.edu/plantsciences). The Department endorses a collaborative attitude that fosters collegiality, civility, and respect among peers, staff, and students. Further information about the Department can be found at https://ag.purdue.edu/btny

The College: The Department is an integral part of the College of Agriculture, one of the world’s leading colleges of agricultural, food, life, and natural resource sciences and ranked fifth globally in the 2015 QS World University Rankings. The College is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (teaching, research, and extension), to international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and to supporting a diverse and inclusive environment focused on excellence in all we do. Purdue is an ADVANCE institution – www.purdue.edu/dp/advance. The College has 11 academic departments and includes 325 faculty, 2700 undergraduate students, and 677 graduate students. The College’s strategic plan can be accessed at https://ag.purdue.edu/Pages/strategicplan.aspx.

Application Procedure: Qualified persons are requested to submit a letter of interest that addresses the applicant’s administrative philosophy emphasizing their vision for fostering research, teaching, and extension; and their experiences and qualifications in leadership, strategic planning, and development. Include a complete curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of five references. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon the applicant’s approval. Nominations of outstanding individuals for the position are welcome. A background check is required for employment in this position.

Applications, nominations, and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Joe Anderson, Search Committee Chair, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology Head Search Committee, Purdue University, Office of the Dean of Agriculture, 615 W. State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2053. Electronic submission is preferred and should be sent to rdr@purdue.edu. The search committee will begin reviewing applications beginning January 11, 2016 and will continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Questions regarding the position may be sent to Joe Anderson at (765) 494-4774 (janderson@purdue.edu).

Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.