Research Overview
The Department of Botany and Plant Pathology includes the disciplines of plant biology, plant pathology and weed science. Research in this department addresses both fundamental questions about the biology of plants and their pathogens as well as more applied problems focused on the management and control of weeds and plant diseases.

Research Programs
- **CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**
- **CROP PROTECTION**
- **DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND EPIDEMIOLOGY**
- **MYCOLOGY**
- **PLANT AND FUNGAL BIOCHEMISTRY**
- **PLANT ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION**
- **PLANT GENETICS AND GENOMICS**
- **PLANT NEMATOLOGY**
- **PLANT PHYSIOLOGY**
- **PLANT-PATHOGEN INTERACTIONS**
- **WEED BIOLOGY**
- **WEED MANAGEMENT**

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Chris Oakley’s research is driven by understanding the mechanisms of how natural plant populations adapt to local conditions.

Anjali Iyer-Pascuzzi is one of the first to examine the molecular processes that underlie infection by soil microbes.