

Plant Lab Diagnostician

Location_onJefferson City, MO

work_outlineFull-Time

Salaried

paid\$49,371.60 Per year

Schedule: Monday-Friday - 40/hrs Week

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Job Summary - Why you'll love this position

Job Location: Jefferson City, Missouri

Why you'll love this position:

The Plant Pest Control program helps facilitate trade for Missouri agricultural businesses, and protects Missouri's agricultural resources from exotic and invasive pests and diseases. We are looking for a Lab Diagnostician to fill a critical role on our team!

Responsibilities - What you'll do

- Diagnostics on plant samples from nursery and greenhouse inspections, export certification of field crops and other plant commodities, and pest surveys.
- Support the fruit tree and grapevine virus-free certification program.
- Provide diagnostic reports to field staff and clients.
- Provide information and literature review on plant diseases to determine export certification requirements.
- Support field staff by providing current information on potential plant disease threats.
- Assist in nursery, greenhouse inspections and other pest surveys as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications - All you need for success

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college of agriculture or university with a major in the sciences of entomology or plant pathology (Per RSMo 263.030) AND
- Two (2) or more years of experience in plant regulatory or plant diagnostic work;
- Must possess a Missouri Driver's License

Preferred Qualifications:

- Strong experience in plant pathology and plant diagnostics

Job Details - More reasons to love this position

Benefits:

- 3 weeks paid vacation; 3 weeks paid sick leave; 13 paid holidays
- Health (medical, dental, vision) and free life insurance
- Retirement
- Up to \$75/month match on savings plan
- 6 weeks paid leave for birth or adoption

The State of Missouri offers an excellent benefits package that includes a defined pension plan, generous amounts of leave and holiday time, and eligibility for health insurance coverage. Your total compensation is more than the dollars you receive in your paycheck. To help demonstrate the value of working for the State of Missouri, we have created an interactive Total Compensation Calculator. This tool provides a comprehensive view of benefits and more that are offered to prospective employees. The Total Compensation Calculator and other applicant resources can be found [here](#).

Contact Details - If you have questions or require any accommodations to participate in the application or interview process please contact:

If you have questions about this position please contact: hr@mda.mo.gov

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