

Associate or Full Professor - Plant Biology
Joint Faculty Opening in Plant Biology
University of Missouri and Danforth Plant Sciences Center
Job ID 50082

Job Description

The [University of Missouri](#) (MU) in Columbia, Missouri and the [Donald Danforth Plant Science Center](#) (DDPSC) in St. Louis, Missouri seek applications and nominations for a joint faculty position in plant biology. We are seeking a scientist who will address leading-edge research questions in plant biology that complement and strengthen existing research programs at both institutions. A record of excellence in possessing extramurally-funded grants, and in pursuing innovative, collaborative research using creative approaches in any area of science that can be applied to plants is required. The appointed individual will be a tenured faculty member in one or more departments/divisions at MU and an Associate/Full Member and Principal Investigator at DDPSC, and will contribute to undergraduate and/or graduate teaching programs. The new faculty member will be located on the MU campus, and will be part of a cluster of four joint hires, with two individuals located at each institution.

The goals of this unique partnership are to address global challenges in plant biology, to facilitate fundamental scientific discoveries, and to enable the translation of these discoveries into solutions for agriculture. This alliance represents an exceptional opportunity to collaborate with the vibrant plant research programs at both locations and to enhance coordinated, inter-institutional efforts in plant biology. Additionally, the candidate will have access to a new, state-of-the-art \$28 million [plant growth facility](#) on the MU campus.

The successful candidate will be a member of the MU [Interdisciplinary Plant Group](#) (IPG), a world-renowned group of researchers from seven departments/units with interests in plant biology, and a Principal Investigator at the Danforth Center. Research strengths of the IPG and Danforth Center include plant responses to a changing environment, genetics and genomics, root biology, as well as plant metabolism, physiology, and defense mechanisms.

Minimum Qualifications

- A PhD in Plant Sciences or a related discipline.

Candidates will be evaluated on the following factors

- A track record of external research funding, particularly from federal agencies.
- Innovative and collaborative research accomplishments using creative approaches in any area of science that can be applied to plants.

Nominations, Applications, and Search Process

Nominations and inquiries can be made through umhrexecutivesearch@umsystem.edu. Partnering in this search is Anna Wiedermann, Director of Strategic Recruitment at the University of Missouri.

To apply for this position, click [here](#). Your application should include a letter of interest, a full resume/CV, and contact information of at least five references. We will be accepting applications till March 10th, 2024. Review of applications and nominations will begin immediately. Applicants will be notified before references are contacted.

https://erecruit.umsystem.edu/psc/tamext/COLUM/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST_FL&Action=U&SiteId=9&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=9&JobOpeningId=50082&PostingSeq=1

Handling of Application Materials

After initial review by the committee all uploaded materials may be shared with all faculty in the prospective home department. For affiliations and joint appointments materials may be shared with all faculty in all departments involved.

Community Information

Columbia offers small-town friendliness with big city features and a high quality of life for people of all ages and interests. Founded on education and known as an ideal college town, its location also makes it an attractive spot for businesses and travelers. Located on Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63, Columbia is right in the middle of the state and the nation. Just a couple hours' drive from St. Louis and Kansas City, Columbia is Boone County's largest population center offering big-city culture, activities, and resources with a low cost of living. Columbia is home to a variety of restaurants and entertainment venues and hosts more than a dozen cultural festivals each year. If you want to grow your career, continue your education, raise a family, and retire, Columbia is a good place to be!

Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at

<http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>

Values Commitment

- We value the uniqueness of every individual and strive to ensure each person's success. Contributions from individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives promote intellectual pluralism and enable us to achieve the excellence that we seek in learning, research and engagement. This commitment makes our university a better place to work, learn and innovate.
- In your application materials, please discuss your experiences and expertise that support these values and enrich our missions of teaching, research and engagement.

Equal Opportunity is and shall be provided for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without unlawful discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or the recruiting rights of military organizations associated with the Armed Forces or the Department of Homeland Security of the United States of America. For more information, call the Director of Employee and Labor Relations at 573-882-7976. To request ADA accommodations, please call the Director of Accessibility and ADA at 573-884-7278.