

Professor and Chair of Plant Sciences, University of California Davis

The **Department of Plant Sciences** in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CA&ES) at the **University of California, Davis** (UCD) is recruiting for a **professor and department chair**. This is an academic year Full Professor position, with tenure, that includes the expectation of mission-oriented research and outreach relevant to the California Agricultural Experiment Station (AES). Two months of summer compensation will be allocated for the duration of the chair appointment.

The research conducted in the Department of Plant Sciences encompasses the full spectrum of scholarship in the land-grant university tradition, solving agricultural and environmental problems using a range of approaches from fundamental discovery to application of research findings. The department focuses on interdisciplinary research in plant and environmental sciences that translates fundamental advances in genomics, genetics, plant physiology, plant ecology, evolutionary biology and environmental sciences into improvements in crop production and environmental sustainability in California, nationally and internationally.

In terms of the faculty appointment, the successful candidate is expected to have an outstanding record of research and a competitively funded research program in her/his area of expertise in plant science that should both complement and enhance current expertise on the campus and in the department. The appointee will be responsible for teaching in the undergraduate program in one of the majors, participating in and developing public outreach and/or community engagement programs, and performing appropriate departmental and university service. This position is expected to work with California Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), Cooperative Extension specialists and advisors, partners in allied industries, and other appropriate public stakeholders.

The responsibilities of the chair appointment include: advancing the enterprise of the department in a productive and collegial manner while maintaining an inclusive environment; oversight of the professional development and performance of the faculty and staff; administrative oversight responsibility for the budget; allocation of research, office and field space; oversight for maintenance of facilities and department equipment; and oversight of university health and safety standards. The chair has responsibility for assignment of faculty teaching responsibilities. The chair has responsibility for stakeholder engagement on behalf of the department and participates in development fund raising and stewardship activities. The chair is part of the leadership team of the college and will participate in appropriate meetings and service. The chair is expected to uphold the UC Davis Principles of Community as well as campus policies, college objectives, and campus goals for diversification of the faculty/staff/student workforce.

A Ph.D. in plant sciences or related field and evidence of excellence in research, education (instruction and mentoring) and university and professional service are expected. The individual should be a recognized expert in plant sciences with a research program that aligns with the interdisciplinary research foci of the department. Administrative experiences and skills are expected commensurate with the capacity to chair a large and diverse unit of faculty, students and staff. The candidate is expected to have a record of strong teaching/mentoring of undergraduates and graduates, and evidence of strong outreach and stakeholder engagement experiences. Experience and interest in promoting undergraduate education through innovative plant sciences curricula should be evident.

Application materials must be submitted via the following website:

<https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF01066>. The position will remain open until filled. **To ensure consideration, applications should be received by August 31, 2016.**

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