



VACANCY

Plant Pathologist / Micro Biologist

A rare opportunity arises to lead the plant pathology and microbiology activities at PGRO and to develop and cement a position of industry leading expertise, with the potential to develop your own research group.

The PGRO was incorporated in 1956 and has a well-respected reputation; long since established as the UK centre of excellence for applied crop research into pulses and vegetable legumes. It is a non-statutory levy funded organisation, based between Stamford and Peterborough.

The role is hands on involving both laboratory, glasshouse and field based research.

- Expanding existing and developing new diagnostic services for growers and research.
- Providing pathology and microbiology support within stand alone and collaborative projects
- Managing activities within the PGRO laboratory.
- Providing advice to growers and agronomists and leading the plant clinic during the growing season
- Leading and running internal projects in conjunction with colleagues.
- Innovating new ideas with the research team and supporting and leading funding applications for third party support.
- Developing and nurturing plant pathology contacts with UK and international research collaborators

Applicants will have:

- Relevant industrial and or research based experience
- High level formal qualifications in Plant Pathology and or Microbiology
- Experience and capability to manage multiple projects
- Excellent reporting skills and competence in statistical analysis techniques
- Familiarity with current diagnostic techniques including PCR
- Enthusiasm for applied research and knowledge transfer
- Ability to motivate and mentor colleagues /students
- Excellent personal, communication and presentation skills for a wide range of audiences.
- PA1, PA6 and BASIS qualifications and familiarity with ORETO, GEP and EPPO standards would be useful.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Applications with CV and covering letter addressed to: Sue Bingham:
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