

Research Associate II, Controlled Environment Plant Physiology Laboratory

The controlled environment vegetable physiology laboratory in The Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee is seeking qualified applicants for a Research Associate position.

Typical work duties of the selected candidate may include:

- Supporting the PI and graduate students in the design, management, and execution of growth chamber, greenhouse, and laboratory research projects.
- Organizing daily technical operations including coordination and allocation of equipment and space.
- Analyzing samples using laboratory equipment such as GCMS and HPLC.
- Maintaining laboratory equipment and potentially growth chamber and greenhouse systems in good working condition.
- Analyzing and reporting results.
- Supervising and training students

The candidate will be involved in a wide range of research activities in laboratory and plant production spaces with the goal of improving controlled environment food production yield and quality. This position may require travel to outlying locations (10-15%).

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience

Benefits: Retirement, sick, and annual leave; group health, life and accident insurance, tuition

Qualifications:

Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor of Science in Plant Sciences, Biochemistry, or related field and three years' of controlled environment plant production or analytical chemistry related experience in a research laboratory. A Master of Science is preferred. (Candidates in the process of obtaining degree will be considered if degree conferred by December 2020.)

Experience with laboratory equipment for chemical analysis (e.g. GCMS or HPLC) is highly desired. The candidate must possess excellent written and oral English skills, be self-motivated, highly organized, and willing to work with a diverse group of faculty, staff, and students to conduct greenhouse, growth chamber, and laboratory research.

Interested applicants should apply at <https://hr.utk.edu/staff-positions/> and attach the following:

1. Cover letter - include research experience, interests, and possible start date
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Three references - include names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses

Application review will begin November 15, 2020 and continue until the position is filled.

Contact: For additional information, please contact Dr. Kellie Walters (waltersk@utk.edu).

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