

LEADER FIELD PATHOLOGY – REGIONAL QLD

About SRA

Sugar Research Australia (SRA) is owned by the Australian sugar industry and is a global leader in sugarcane industry research and development. SRA strives to shape the future prosperity of the Australian sugarcane industry and regional communities through innovation and ingenuity.

We have highly dedicated and passionate people working on industry-critical projects to deliver tangible value outcomes and impact for our industry stakeholders.

About the role

Reporting to the Manager Translation Research the Leader Field Pathology provides Industry wide leadership and expert knowledge to assist industry to mitigate the impact of endemic sugarcane diseases, and to identify and manage the risk associated with exotic disease threats. Outcomes include reduced occurrence of sugarcane diseases, minimised productivity impacts, better identification and diagnosis of sugarcane diseases and improved integrated management systems. This position works closely with the Manager Biosecurity and Disease screening, other Translational Scientists, District Managers, the Manager Industry Services Operations and the Manager Industry Communications and Marketing. The position has strong linkages to the Commercial Development Business Unit.

Key responsibilities include:

- Lead and deliver applied and adaptive research that reduces the impact of sugarcane diseases on productivity.
- Monitor, and participate, in the assessment of disease risks to the Australian sugarcane industry and national biosecurity.
- Monitor existing research outputs (outside of SRA) to identify tools, processes and practices that will improve sugarcane productivity.
- Organise demonstrations and in-field trials.
- Respond to industry enquiries including the investigation of concerning crop and soil conditions.
- Coordinate identification of research gaps.
- Identify project opportunities, deliver, and manage projects for applied and adaptive research related to sugarcane pathogens.
- Manage performance and development of staff (if required).
- Other duties as required.

About you - required experience and attributes

- Post graduate qualification in plant pathology related to an Agricultural or Horticultural industry - a scientific leader in at least one research area.
- Strong knowledge of the Australian sugarcane industry, another agricultural/horticultural industry, or ability to quickly acquire.
- Significant experience and skills associated with identification and management of plant diseases in the field.
- Experience in leading a research team and building strong and trusted industry relationships.
- Broad understanding across research disciplines.
- Capacity to be a strong collaborator across the organisation and external partners with outstanding stakeholder relationships skills – customers, peers, staff, influencers, and Board.

To apply

For further information, please refer to the Position Description by copying the following URL into your web browser:

https://sugarresearch.com.au/sugar_files/2022/09/202209-Position-Description-PDF-Leader-Field-Pathology.pdf

If your capabilities and experience meet the requirements of the role and you would like to be part of our dedicated team, please apply using the below links no later than 8.00 am 21 October 2022. Your application should include your resume and address the requirements of the position.

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