

JOB DESCRIPTION

Agency	Department of Primary Industry and Resources	Work Unit	Biosecurity and Animal Welfare Plant Pathology
Job Title	Senior Plant Pathologist	Designation	Professional 2
Job Type	Full Time	Duration	Fixed to 30/12/2022
Salary	\$84,101 - \$100,856	Location	Darwin
Position Number	92190155	RTF	181524
Closing	26/01/2020		
Contact	Dr Lucy Tran-Nguyen on 08 8999 2235 or lucy.tran-nguyen@nt.gov.au		
Agency Information	https://dpiir.nt.gov.au/		
Information for Applicants	Applications must be limited to a one-page summary sheet and an attached detailed resume/cv. For further information for applicants and example applications: click here		
Information about Selected Applicant's Merit	If you accept this position, a detailed summary of your merit (including work history, experience, qualifications, skills, information from referees, etc.) will be provided to other applicants, to ensure transparency and better understanding of the reasons for the decision. For further information: click here		
Special Measures	The NTPS values diversity and aims for a workforce which is representative of the community we serve. Therefore under an approved Special Measures recruitment plan, ATSI applicants will be given priority consideration and preference in selection for this vacancy if they meet all essential selection criteria and are suitable at the position level. For further information: click here		
Apply Online Link	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/JobDetails?rtfId=181524		

Primary Objective:

To advise, plan, conduct and manage plant biosecurity research, and develop projects to improve the productivity and sustainability of plant industries in the Northern Territory (NT) with a primary focus on tropical crops in line with the Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) Strategic Plan. To be considered for this position you must be able to travel to regional areas and work outside normal business hours to support emergency management activities.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Participate in the provision of a plant disease diagnostic service for the NT and other states as required.
2. Identify, formulate, implement and manage innovative Research, Development & Extension (RD&E) projects to minimise the impact of diseases in plant industries and contribute to the development of sustainable production systems with a biosecurity focus.
3. Ensure information generated through RD&E activities is communicated to clients and stakeholders through effective capacity building services.
4. Perform the duties of an inspector under the *Plant Health Act 2008*.
5. Provide advice on plant biosecurity issues to the NT Chief Plant Health Officer.
6. Effectively manage human, financial and technical resources.
7. Support emergency incidents and events, including pest and disease responses in the NT.

Selection Criteria

Essential:

1. Tertiary degree in agricultural science, science or equivalent.
2. Demonstrated experience and knowledge of disease management strategies and disease diagnostics which can be applied to tropical horticulture.
3. Demonstrated ability to develop and manage innovative RD&E projects that advance the economic and sustainable development of plant industries.
4. Ability to work harmoniously with other staff and clients to ensure project activities and outcomes are aligned with the needs of the relevant industries.
5. Excellent written and oral communication skills, including demonstrated experience in achieving positive outcomes through stakeholder engagement.
6. Ability to work autonomously with limited supervision.
7. A current Australian drivers licence, class "C" or above.

Desirable:

1. Post-graduate qualifications and/or experience in plant pathology and diagnostics would be highly regarded.
2. Well-developed knowledge of plant health and pest and disease incursions at the local, national and international levels.

Approved: 19 December 2019

Sarah Corcoran
Executive Director, Biosecurity & Animal Welfare