

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) was established to ensure Victoria's strong economic performance by growing industries and regions. Here at DJPR, we're making sure Victoria's economy benefits all Victorians by creating more jobs for more people, building thriving places and regions and nurturing inclusive communities.

Our work supports six ministers, spans 12 portfolios and operates across metropolitan, regional and international offices. We also oversee various public entities, including public corporations, regulatory authorities and specialist boards.

The Department strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Department offers reasonable adjustments for applicants with disabilities on request.

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

- *\$61,016 - \$83,640 (Plus Superannuation)*
- *Fixed Term, until 30/6/2021*
- *Usual hours of work: Full Time (flexibility may be available)*
- *Usual work location: Horsham (flexibility may be available)*

The role will contribute to several projects researching the impact of diseases and strategies to manage diseases in field crops within Victoria. The successful applicant will have a good aptitude for laboratory and field work and an ability to identify pathogens of plants using both classical and molecular identification tools. They should understand field crop production, and the diseases affecting field crops.

The successful applicant for this position will demonstrate –

- knowledge of key diseases of field crops and control measures used in dryland agricultural systems;
- ability to learn how to identify pathogens of plants using both classical and molecular identification tools;
- knowledge of experimental design and the collection, maintenance and analysis of experimental data involved in the study of field crop diseases;
- ability to use computers, common software applications and research equipment (including electronic and digital equipment) used in plant sciences;
- well-developed verbal and written communication skills and demonstrated ability to cooperate and work well with others; and
- an ability to plan, organise tasks and resources, work independently in the field, use initiative and problem solve to achieve high quality outcomes in a timely and effective manner.

The position of Research scientist is part of the Agriculture Victoria Research branch in the Agriculture Victoria group. Agriculture Victoria works with industry and community stakeholders to support the agriculture, food and fibre sector to become more globally competitive, innovative and resilient.

For a confidential discussion, please call Joshua Fanning, Research Scientist – Plant Pathology, on 03 4344 3335 or 0419 272 075.

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a National Police Records Check prior to commencing employment with the Department.

For further information on the position, and position description, and to apply please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to 026137.

Applications close at midnight on 12 March 2020 and must address the Key Selection Criteria outlined in the Position Description.