

- Can you provide leadership in pathology diagnostics for Scion's Forest Health Reference Laboratory?
- Promote and build a forest pathology diagnostics and taxonomy research programme?
- We have a full time, permanent position for you at Scion's beautiful Rotorua campus.

Scion specialises in research, science and technology development for the forestry industry, wood products and wood-derived materials. We lead new technology development for renewables, bioproducts and energy and the establishment of a broader based bio-economy.

In this role you will be responsible for supporting two major national biosecurity surveillance programmes by diagnosing samples of woody plants with pathology symptoms. You will be given scope to develop our fungal culture collections and mycological herbarium and initiate taxonomic and mycological research that arises from the diagnostic service. The role will involve engagement with external stakeholders, funding agencies and holders of other collections in New Zealand. The ideal candidate will have experience in performing identification and diagnosis of suspected fungal disorders and publishing species descriptions and disease notes. This is also an opportunity to demonstrate your organisational and planning skills.

What are we looking for?

- Someone who has a passion for identifying plant pathogens
- Flexible and able to handle changing work flows and demands
- Strong communication skills across all levels incorporating technical and management
- Process and systems capability with attention to detail
- Advanced mycological and microbiological skills, complemented by molecular biology skills.
- Someone with strong organisational and planning skills.

Joining an enthusiastic Forest Protection team of over 60 people, you will play a vital role in managing New Zealand's forest biosecurity risk. We are home to creative science minds and our vibrant culture ensures employees can pursue innovation and excellence in their work. Rotorua is a leading tourist destination with outstanding natural environment including seaside beaches nearby, lakes, native forests, and geothermal areas.

We are proud to offer:

- Opportunities for a fulfilling career and professional development
- Excellent lifestyle balance initiatives
- A forest with walking and mountain biking tracks on our doorstep
- A strong commitment to meeting our obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi and achieving equity outcomes for all staff in a safe, inclusive and equitable environment

Closing Date: 31 March 2019

For further information and to apply online, please refer to our website: www.scionresearch.com.