

Scientist

Microbial Systems for Plant Protection
Lincoln, Christchurch, New Zealand | Vacancy 31027

Plant & Food Research is a New Zealand-based science company providing research and development that adds value to fruit, vegetable, crop and food products. Our science and commercialisation supports the production of high quality produce and novel functional foods that earn a premium in international markets.

Our Plant Pathology Group has an exceptional opportunity for a senior Scientist to join our Microbial Systems for Plant Protection team in providing practical solutions to plant disease problems for the arable, field crops and horticultural industries. You'll develop, lead and manage applied and underpinning research projects on plant pathogens and will support the Team Leader with team development and leadership. You'll also help the team capitalise on new opportunities and funding for research projects that will support the horticultural and arable industries in achieving their targets and strategies.

You will have a PhD in plant pathology or plant microbiology, with achievement and publications in plant mycology and/or bacteriology and its applications in applied plant pathology research. You'll be skilled in the use of molecular tools with a working knowledge of bioinformatics, the collection, analysis and reporting of scientific data from applied plant pathology research, and have experience in developing, leading and attracting funding for research. Flexibility to work on different pathogen/crop host combinations, a full New Zealand driver's licence and a willingness to travel to field research sites will be essential.

For more information, registration details and to apply for this position please visit www.careers.plantandfood.co.nz and search under 'Apply for a Job'.

Applications close **22 February 2019**