

**Cranberry Plant Pathologist  
Extension Assistant Professor  
UMass Cranberry Station in East Wareham  
University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The UMass Cranberry Station is seeking applications for a full-time, 12-month, non-tenure track appointment as Extension Assistant Professor. We are seeking an innovative research scientist to provide research and extension support to the Massachusetts cranberry industry in the area of plant pathology and the management of plant diseases. This position is located in East Wareham, near Cape Cod. The Cranberry Station is a research and extension facility within the UMass Center for Agriculture, in the College of Natural Sciences, UMass Amherst.

The successful candidate will conduct original research into the causes and management of diseases of cultivated cranberry in Massachusetts, with particular focus on fruit rot disease, and develop and deliver research-based education and informational materials. The position will serve as an expert resource in plant pathology for Massachusetts cranberry growers, identifying plant diseases and related plant health problems, evaluating disease control programs, developing disease control recommendations, and providing information through educational programming, trainings, publications, and electronic media. The Cranberry Pathologist will work to increase the use of integrated pest management (IPM) practices for the management of plant diseases.

The candidate will provide cranberry diagnostic services and is expected work as part of the interdisciplinary team at the Station and to collaborate with national and international colleagues working on integrated cranberry disease management. The candidate will be expected to publish research results and to garner extra-mural funding to support research and outreach efforts. The candidate will be expected to seek adjunct faculty status within an academic department of the College of Natural Sciences.

The candidate must have a Ph.D. in a discipline related to plant pathology with a strong fundamental background in plant pathology. Experience in horticultural and especially fruit crops is preferred. Experience in field-based plant pathology is preferred. The candidate must have the ability to conduct applied research and educational programs that address critical disease issues in cranberry production, the ability to integrate research findings into the development of educational and training materials to solve problems, and the ability to work collaboratively as well as the flexibility to communicate with individuals of diverse backgrounds ranging from academic to the general public. The candidate must have the aptitude for both leadership and team membership roles and effective communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated skills with computer use, data analysis, and electronic communication are an additional requirement. Demonstrated success with the development and writing of grant proposals required. The Cranberry Station and the Center for Agriculture emphasize collaboration between faculty, students, staff and partners in industry and government. We share a fundamental commitment to serve a diverse population, including professional practitioners and the broader public. The Cranberry Station has a long history of partnership with and service to the cranberry growers of the Commonwealth.

**To Apply:** Earliest start date is March 1, 2014. Review of applications begins December 2, 2013. Search will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application; a curriculum vitae; a statement of their philosophy of research and extension; and full contact information for three references who can comment on the candidate's research and extension abilities online to: <http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=44079>.

The UMass Cranberry Station, founded in 1910, is located in East Wareham, MA near Cape Cod and an hour south of Boston. Our home campus at Amherst is approximately 2.5 hours away. Cranberries are a leading agricultural crop in Massachusetts. The state produces approximately one third of the world's supply of cranberries. See our web page at [www.umass.edu/cranberry](http://www.umass.edu/cranberry).

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