**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Research Assistant

Lowbush Blueberry Disease Program

School of Biology and Ecology

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The research program for plant disease on lowbush blueberry is looking for a Research Assistant to conduct and support lowbush blueberry research in the lab and in the field. Tasks include implementing and documenting results of laboratory, field and greenhouse experiments. Research involves treatment application, and data collection, tabulation, analysis and summary.

Required: Typically the candidate has the education associated with a B.S. or B.A. degree in a related area of science; knowledge of and ability to apply experimental and registered pesticides and must have certification as a Commercial Pesticide Applicators License for category 10 and 1B within 2 months of hire; experience working on field studies; demonstrated excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; demonstrated ability to exercise independent judgment and initiative and manage multiple tasks and deadlines; a valid driver’s license with a clean driving record; the ability to travel and work under field conditions under sometimes adverse weather conditions and sometimes alone; the occasionally need to lift weights up to 30lbs and carry them up to 200ft.

Preferred: MS degree or equivalent experience; experience working on plants, preferable blueberries; successful supervisory experience; experience with statistics for analysis of field experiments.

This is a 12 month position, contingent on grant funding with a salary range of $37,000 to $39,000 depending upon qualifications and skills. Review of applications to begin on August 22, 2022. The full job description and application portal can be found at <http://jobs.umaine.edu/>. A cover letter, resume and names and contact information for three professional references is required. Appropriate background checks are required. Any questions about the position, please contact Dr. Seanna Annis via: email [sannis@maine.edu](mailto:sannis@maine.edu) or at 207-581-2621. University of Maine is an EO/AA employer.