



American Samoa Community College
Agriculture, Community, and Natural Resources Division
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: **Plant Pathologist**
Employment Status: Full Time 12 months (Two Years Contract)

General Description:

The Plant Pathologist leads a research and extension program to improve understanding and management of plant diseases in American Samoa. Research and extension efforts address plant diseases affecting agriculture and forestry in the territory and focus on local stakeholder priorities while meeting grantor requirements. The Plant Pathologist provides diagnostic services and technical assistance in the areas of plant diseases and their management to colleagues in the Division as well as in other local and federal agencies and the community.

Responsibilities and Duties:

Administrative

- Plan, develop, implement, and evaluate the plant pathology research program based on local needs and grantor requirements
- Train and supervise research assistants and technicians in support of research and extension projects
- Procure equipment, software and supplies to support the plant pathology program
- Manage program budget
- Other duties as assigned by supervisor

Technical

- Work closely with counterparts in ACNR and other agencies to design and conduct research and extension projects addressing local community plant disease management needs
- Provide technical support and collaboration on agriculture and forestry programs conducted by ACNR and local agencies
- Provide technical support for ACNR instructional programs
- Conduct and assist with workshops, seminars and other outreach activities to share research findings and promote improved plant disease management in American Samoa
- Maintain and continuously update knowledge on theory and practice of tropical plant disease and disease management by following current literature, participating in scientific meetings, and interacting with peer researchers nationally and internationally
- Provide plant disease diagnostic services to the community

Planning

- Write grants to procure support for plant pathology research and extension programs

Reporting

- Complete all required unit, divisional, college, territorial, and federal reports
- Publish research findings in local technical reports as well as refereed journals

Minimum Qualifications:

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- Master's degree in Plant Pathology
- Three years of research and/or extension experience
- Professional knowledge in plant pathology, agriculture, forestry
- Proven research competence
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills.
- Strength and stamina to conduct field work in the humid tropics
- Expertise in diagnostics and management of plant diseases.
- Ability to work closely with extension agents and farmers to solve locally significant plant disease problems

Preferred:

- Ph.D. in plant pathology

Salary: GS-17/02-05: \$60,904.00 - \$64,804.00 per annum

Application Deadline: December 15, 2025 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from the American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 Ext. 460/466/456/474, 699-2722 ext 3601/3602/3603/3604/3605/3606 or online at www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities or by emailing ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.
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