

Half-time, Temporary Position Available

Title:	Summer Diagnostic Lab Assistant
Location:	WSU-Puyallup Plant & Insect Diagnostic Laboratory 2606 W Pioneer Puyallup WA 98371
Date Posted:	April 30, 2019
Dates of Employment:	May to September
Salary:	\$13-\$15/hour commensurate with experience/qualifications; benefits not available
Hours:	20 hours/week (exact schedule negotiable)

Line of Responsibility: Reports to Diagnostician/Lab Manager of the WSU Puyallup Plant & Insect Diagnostic Laboratory

General Description:

The WSU Puyallup Plant & Insect Diagnostic Lab (<https://puyallup.wsu.edu/plantclinic/>) provides plant problem and pest diagnosis and identification of plants and insects to the residents of Washington State.

Primary Duties of Diagnostic Lab Assistant include but are not limited to:

- lab maintenance work, such as cleaning equipment, sweeping floors, washing dishes, discarding trash, disinfecting countertops, maintenance of samples & specimens
- clerical assistance work including updating computer databases, photocopying, filing
- completion of tasks necessary for the diagnosis of plant & insect samples. Tasks could include logging in of samples, culturing organisms onto laboratory agar, microscope work, researching background information in the literature and online, use of diagnostic test kits, planting of seedlings
- photography/image capture of samples and diagnostic process
- assist clientele in person, on the phone, and via email
- communication of diagnostic work by writing reports and by developing teaching materials

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Position Specific Minimum Qualifications:

- 1) At least one year of post high school undergraduate education required in applied, biological, chemical, physical or agricultural sciences OR equivalent education/experience.
- 2) Ability to communicate proficiently using oral, written, and listening skills.
- 3) Demonstrated experience with plant or arthropod systems.
- 4) Demonstrated ability to work effectively as a team member, work independently, and be self-motivated.
- 5) Proficiency in the use of personal computers, and software, including word processing, applications, spreadsheets and databases.

Preferred Qualifications:

- 1) Demonstrated experience in biological science field relevant to diagnostic work such horticulture, botany, plant pathology, mycology or entomology.
- 2) Possess a good understanding of scientific methods and processes.

Job Expectations:

- Keep accurate, detailed records, enter data as needed, and regularly communicate with the Lab Diagnostician.
- Ability to interact appropriately with a variety of individuals.
- Ability to complete assigned tasks without direct supervision.
- Good vision required, including close- and distance-vision, & the ability to adjust focus
- Ability to continually learn and a willingness to readily adjust to rapid and unexpected changes in tasks.
- Ability to prioritize and arrange job assignments.
- Understand and carry out the principles and specific requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Affirmative Action Plan, and all pertinent rules and regulations.

Application:

Apply by submitting a brief letter describing how your experience and training support the major responsibility and qualifications for the position. Include a resume and three references. Screening applications will begin immediately & will continue until the position has been filled.

Send application materials (email preferred) to Jenny Glass email: jennyglass@wsu.edu
mail: WSU Plant Clinic, 2606 W Pioneer, Puyallup WA 98371. Phone **253.445.4582**.

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