

**Position: Mycologist, Plant Health and Environment Laboratory, Investigation and Diagnostic Centre**

**Location: Auckland (Tamaki Campus), New Zealand**

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, a division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, is accountable for the management of New Zealand's biosecurity system. These functions contribute to health, environment, economic, and social/cultural outcomes.

The purpose of MAF's Investigation and Diagnostic Centre is the detection, diagnosis, control and eradication of exotic pests and diseases. These services are provided by four groups (based in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch) that focus on plant health, animal health, incursion investigation, and laboratory support.

The Plant Health and Environment Laboratory in Auckland has a vacancy for an experienced Mycologist to provide professional diagnostic and advisory services for fungi in plants collected during surveillance and investigation activities, or intercepted at the border/post entry quarantine. This position requires proven technical, communication, and leadership skills.

The successful applicant will possess a PhD or equivalent qualification (post-graduate degree and relevant technical experience) in mycology. The applicant will also have competent diagnostic skills using traditional and molecular techniques, and proven project management skills. The applicant needs to be a team player with leadership ability, initiative, and sound judgement. Preference will be given to applicants with proven planning and organisational skills, outcome focused, able to prioritise under pressure, adapt to changing demands, and experience within a quality environment.

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Depending on experience, the successful candidate will be appointed as a Scientist (Level 1) or Senior Scientist (Level 2).

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**Applications close on Friday 18 April 2008.**