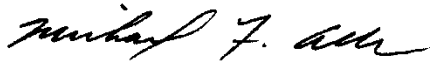


January 5, 2012

Dear Colleague:

I call your attention to the enclosed description for a faculty position in "Microbial Invasive Species" at the Riverside campus of the University of California. This position is being recruited at the Assistant Professor level. We expect the candidate to develop an innovative research program emphasizing the invasion and impacts of microbial (such as bacteria, fungi, viruses) pathogen or symbiont species into agricultural or wildland ecosystems, and to contribute to teaching in Programs in Microbiology, Plant Pathology, and Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics. If you have any questions or can suggest candidates to consider, please contact Dr. James Borneman at the telephone or e-mail addresses supplied on the position description.

Sincerely,



Michael Allen  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology

## Faculty Position Microbial Invasive Species

**Job Description:** The College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of California-Riverside is recruiting two faculty members specializing in invasive species biology: one focusing on microorganisms and the other on terrestrial arthropods. The Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology invites applicants for a 9-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor position. The position will be available July 1, 2012, and carries a 50% research appointment in the Agricultural Experiment Station and a 50% teaching appointment in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. The Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology currently has 16 ladder-rank faculty and three Cooperative Extension Specialists. This position is part of our college's commitment to expand its emphasis in microbiology and invasive species research over the next decade.

**Research:** The research should focus on the invasion and impacts of microbial (such as bacteria, fungi, viruses) pathogen or symbiont species into agricultural or wildland ecosystems. Applicants studying microbes that regulate invasive plants will also be considered. Approaches could include genetics, genomics, population ecology/evolution, biochemical, bioinformatics, ecoinformatics and/or modeling. The successful candidate will join a vibrant community of researchers studying microbe-host and microbe-environment interactions, have opportunities to collaborate with researchers in UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Center for Conservation Biology, the Center for Invasive Species Research, the Institute for Integrative Genome Biology, and have access to modern campus facilities in genomics, proteomics, microscopy, ecological sensing technologies and field stations and facilities. A competitive start-up package is available.

**Teaching:** The successful candidate will advise both graduate and undergraduate students and contribute to both graduate and undergraduate teaching in Programs in Microbiology, Plant Pathology, and Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics.

**Application:** A Ph.D. in a relevant field and a proven ability to conduct innovative research are required. Evaluation of applications will begin **February 17, 2012**, but the position will remain open until filled. Applicants should email curriculum vitae, statements of research and teaching interests, a complete list and selected reprints of publications, and three letters of reference to:

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