



## EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE  
NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION

*The Northern Research Station (NRS) plans to advertise the following position as soon as possible. Please circulate this outreach notice to as many potential candidates as possible; we are seeking a diverse pool of qualified applicants.*

**RESEARCH BIOLOGIST, GS-0401-12, NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION,  
MADISON, WISCONSIN**

### **ABOUT THIS POSITION**

This position is with the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station (NRS). We are seeking a Research Biologist with an emphasis on mycology, located in Madison, WI. This is a full-time permanent position and the selected candidate will be eligible for a full benefit package including health/life insurance, retirement benefits, vacation and sick leave.

The position will be part of the Center for Forest Mycology Research (CFMR) in the Northern Research Station (NRS Research Work Unit 16). The CFMR is a nationally and internationally recognized source for mycological knowledge and includes a large fungal herbarium and culture collection. The mission of the CFMR is to advance the science of mycology as relates to high-priority fungi critical for forest health and management. The person selected for this position will be responsible for developing research tools and coordinating research teams that address specific solutions to problems that involve high-priority fungi for restoring or maintaining healthy ecosystems. The incumbent is expected to undertake research that will apply mycology, plant pathology and related fields to benefit the health and resiliency of forest resources. Further, the incumbent will be expected to engage CFMR stakeholders and other researchers to define forest health-related research needs in the CFMR over both short and long terms.

### **Qualification Requirements**

Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0401 series that is covered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions – GS-12-0401: Research Biologist. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available for the review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-IV/A/gs-admin.asp>. Specialized knowledge of mycology will be needed for this position, with a Ph.D. in a field relating to mycology, such as plant pathology, botany, biology, etc., or equivalent experience.

## ABOUT THE NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION

### ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Madison, WI: The capital of Wisconsin, Madison is also the seat of Dane County and the focus of a metropolitan statistical area that includes the entire county. The city was founded on a unique geographic site, a narrow isthmus of land called Four Lakes Isthmus, between two lakes. Since Madison was founded, the natural beauty of its setting has been enhanced by parks and boulevards with an impressive State Capitol Building and plaza at the center of the city. Madison is the base of the University of Wisconsin, a nationally respected research institution known for a tradition of academic excellence. There are numerous university, education, and sports opportunities. The city hosts a minor league baseball team, the Madison Mallards. We are within two hours of two NFL teams, three MLB teams, an NHL team, an AHL team, and two NBA teams. Outdoor activities abound, with an excellent bike trail system, sailing clubs, golf courses, ski slopes, and hiking.

### TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION:

- Go to USAJOBS <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- o You must set up or have an existing USAJOBS profile.
- o Search/locate the announcement number, once available.
- o Select position(s) and location(s) you are interested in and begin the application process.
- o You must complete and submit your application by the closing date specified on the announcement.

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Persons with disabilities, who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

If interested in receiving email or telephone notification of this job opening, please complete the form below and return it by Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Returning the form is not a requirement for consideration, but it is a way for us to alert you when the announcement is posted and open for application on USAJobs (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>).

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**OUTREACH NOTICE**  
**Northern Research Station**  
[Research Biologist] GS-0401-12  
Location: [Madison, WI]  
Respond By: 11/09/2020

Respond to: Daniel L. Lindner, Daniel.l.lindner@usda.gov

**SUBMISSION OF THIS INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS  BLM  OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT *IF* CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:

PERMANENT  TEMPORARY  TERM  VRA  PWD  OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT  
(IF APPLICABLE):

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CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE  
(IF APPLICABLE):

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

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CURRENT POSITION TITLE:

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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

VETERANS READJUSTMENT

DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

OTHER

Thank you for your interest!

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Learn more about the Northern Research Station at: <https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/>