

Plant Pathologist

Classification: P03

Working within Horticulture and Forestry Science, you will join the Horticulture Pathology team to undertake R&D as part of a nationally-funded 4 year project aimed at developing improved integrated disease management practices for key citrus diseases using chemical, cultural and biological strategies. You will work collaboratively as part of a vibrant and skilled project team with expertise in plant pathology, breeding and extension technology, and will partner with the citrus industry and other external stakeholders to develop practical disease management options for growers. You will be based at Bundaberg Research Facility, situated in the heart of Queensland's subtropical fruit and vegetable growing region.

Benefits of working for us

- A department that supports [diversity and inclusion](#), irrespective of gender, ethnicity, generation, sexual orientation or disability.
- A supportive, ethical and respectful workplace culture where violence and harassment in any form is not tolerated
- An employer who values safety and wellbeing and places a high level of importance on our shared responsibilities for consultation about work health and safety
- Flexible working options
- Rewards and recognition programs
- Great [superannuation](#) and salary sacrificing options

Employment type	Temporary full-time until 31/10/2025
Salary per annum	\$86,538 - \$94,291
Primary location	Rubyanna (Bundaberg)
Business group	Horticulture and Forestry Science
Closing date	Thursday, 06 January 2022
Contact for further information	Dr Lindy Coates – 0481450724
Job ad reference no.	QLD/399756/21
How to apply	Upload a one to two page statement including examples, outlining your suitability for the role by addressing the key capabilities, along with your resume through smartjobs.qld.gov.au .

What you will do

- Assist in the design and delivery of laboratory, glasshouse and field trials to evaluate treatments for the integrated management of citrus black spot and 'Emperor' brown spot.
- Undertake extensive field trials on commercial properties in regional Queensland, in collaboration with orchardists and industry representatives
- Assist with the collection, collation, analysis and interpretation of data from research trials.
- Prepare and contribute to reports, online resources and communication materials for industry and funding bodies.
- Communicate project objectives and outcomes, both verbally and written, to industry and other interested stakeholders.
- Assist the citrus industry by providing general pathology advice and support where required.
- Contribute to a strong project team (and the broader Horticulture Pathology team) by participating in team meetings and by supporting other team members.
- Maintain an active professional development program, and keep up to date with relevant research advances in plant pathology.
- Contribute to business unit performance, adhering to the Department's Code of Conduct, including the principles and practices of employment equity, ethical conduct and workplace health and safety.

You'll be good at

While we're deciding if you're the right person for the job, you'll be assessed on the following **key capabilities** that relate to the above tasks you will do:

Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stimulates ideas and innovation <i>Gathers insights and embraces new ideas and innovation to inform future practice</i>• Makes insightful decisions <i>Makes considered, ethical and courageous decisions based on insight into the broader context</i>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Builds enduring relationships <i>Builds and sustains relationships to enable the collaborative delivery of customer-focused outcomes</i>• Drives accountability and outcomes <i>Demonstrates accountability for the execution and quality of results through professionalism, persistence and transparency</i>
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursues continuous growth <i>Pursues opportunities for growth through agile learning, and development of self-awareness</i>

You must also have

- A degree in Science, Horticulture or Agricultural Science from a recognised tertiary institution, or equivalent academic qualifications.
- A current "C" class drivers license is a requirement for this role.

- Prepared to work out of hours and to travel away from your base location from time to time as required by work
- Ability to work outdoors to conduct research trials in a subtropical environment and preparedness to work with and handle chemical pesticides in the course of research trials.

What we do

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) promotes profitable agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries for Queensland. DAF employs over 2000 people in areas including policy development, leading-edge science, biosecurity, fisheries, forestry management, trade and export. Further information is available from the department's website at daf.qld.gov.au and our [social media accounts](#).

Agri-Scienced Queensland delivers innovative, practical solution through smart science in collaboration with a range of partners.

How to apply

To apply for this role, you will need to submit the following:

- A one to two page pitch or cover letter, describing one or two activities that you've been involved with that can prove to us that you possess the key capabilities mentioned above. Your response must be no longer than two pages.
- Your current resume detailing your previous work or voluntary experience including two referees who have personally observed you displaying the key capabilities required for this role.

Submit your application online

- Applying online through the Smart jobs and careers website, smartjobs.qld.gov.au, is the preferred means to submit an application. To do this, click 'Apply online' on the job ad. You will need to create a Smart Job account before submitting your online application.
- By applying online you can track your application through the process, maintain your personal details through registration and withdraw your application if required.
- If you experience any technical difficulties when accessing the Smart jobs and careers website please contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68). All enquiries relating to the status of your application once the job has closed should be directed to the contact officer on the role description.
- If you do not have internet access and are unable to submit your application online please contact the QSS Customer Support Team on 1300 146 370 (listen to the prompts for 'recruitment'), between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, to enquire about alternative arrangements.
- Late applications cannot be submitted through the Smart jobs and careers website, so please allow enough time before the closing date to submit your application. If approval has been granted by the contact officer for a late application to be considered, please contact the QSS Customer Support Team on the number above to arrange this.
- Hand delivered applications will not be accepted.

Additional information

- A three month probationary period may apply to successful candidates.
- The chief executive of a department may request an employee change the location of their employment.

- Candidates may be subject to a criminal history or probity check during the selection process.
- The recommended applicant will be required to disclose any previous serious disciplinary action.
- Newly appointed public service employees are obliged to disclose within one month of starting duty, a disclosure of employment as a lobbyist in the previous two years.
- Applications may remain current for 12 months and may be considered for other vacancies.
- The skill descriptions are based on Lominger International's LEADERSHIP ARCHITECT® Lominger Limited, Inc., and are used with the express permission of Lominger International.