

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Title:** Public Service Technician, Nursery Integrated Pest Management

**Location:** University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

**Position Description:** The Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture seeks applications for the position of Public Service Technician - Nursery Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

### Responsibilities:

- Develop, conduct, and evaluate a statewide Extension IPM educational program for nursery producers using the latest research-based information related to all facets of pest management and overall health of nursery and other ornamental crops.
- Work collaboratively with teams of Extension educators, specialists, and others to plan, implement, and evaluate programs statewide.
- Develop a diverse portfolio of educational materials for Extension clients and scholarly materials for professional peers.
- Perform other appropriate duties as needed or assigned to fulfill the Extension mission.

Available personal transportation is required, and mileage allowance is provided for work-related travel. Evening and weekend work are required on occasion.

### Required Qualifications:

- Earned Bachelor's degree in entomology, plant pathology, weed science, integrated pest management, horticulture, or a related field.
- Ability to respond to pest control inquiries from the ornamental horticulture industry regarding arthropod pests, plant pathogens, and weeds.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment and independently with minimal supervision.
- Excellent oral, written, and technology-based communication skills.
- Ability to communicate with and interact effectively with stakeholders.

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Earned Master's degree in entomology, plant pathology, weed science, integrated pest management, horticulture, or a related field.
- Demonstrated experience in agricultural systems, preferably ornamental crop production, and conducting integrated pest management programs.
- Demonstrated experience conducting Extension-based field work and programming.
- Experience in impact evaluation of IPM Extension programs.
- Knowledge of biological controls.
- Knowledge of nutritional diagnostics and recommendations for nursery crops.
- Familiarity with website content management software.

This is a part-time, end-date position available immediately. The position is funded through August 31, 2018. The salary is negotiable and commensurate with training and experience. Please submit a Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter, which includes the names and contact information of three professional references to Ms. Donna Ellis, IPM Program Coordinator at [donna.ellis@uconn.edu](mailto:donna.ellis@uconn.edu). Screening of applications is underway and will continue until the position is filled. We encourage applications from under-represented groups, including minorities, women, and people with disabilities.

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