

# **University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269**

## **Tropical Collections Horticulturist – Position ID#2015475**

### **Position Summary**

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology seeks a full-time Research Laboratory Aide (UCP 1) to serve under the general direction of the Plant Growth Facilities Manager. The successful candidate will provide support to the teaching and research greenhouse program as a tropical collections horticulturist. The incumbent will be responsible for the daily horticultural care and management of greenhouse specimens as well as maintenance of the physical facility.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Daily horticultural activities of the TLS collections facilities, integrated pest management and record keeping, maintenance of equipment and facilities, providing tours of EEB greenhouse collections, satisfactory completion of all training required. In conjunction with the facility manager, the incumbent will assist with the scheduling and growing of biology teaching lab materials, supervision of student and volunteer workers, general sanitation of the growing and work areas, and will be responsible for shared monitoring of Argus control system and responding to emergency alarms.

The anticipated regular work schedule for this position will be Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with occasional evenings and holidays, sometimes on short notice.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field or equivalent combination of education and experience in a collections greenhouse environment
- Broad knowledge of general botany concepts and plant care techniques as applicable to a diverse collection of plants
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, computer and organizational skills
- Ability to work occasional evenings and holidays with short notice

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- 2+ years' experience in tropical plant cultivation
- Experience with Integrated Pest Management techniques
- Proven plant propagation experience
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and to recognize/rectify developing cultural, nutritional and pest problems before they affect plant growth

- Demonstrated ability to make independent decisions concerning cultivation of plant materials
- Demonstrated ability to engage a diverse user base and convey collection information to collection users and visitors

### **To Apply**

Interested applicants should apply online using Husky Hire.

- Visit <http://jobs.uconn.edu>
- Click on “Staff Positions”
- Search for “2015475” or browse listings

Applications should include a cover letter, resume and three letters of recommendation. Employment of the successful candidate is contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check. (Search # 2015475)

This job posting is scheduled to be removed at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on July 31, 2015.

All employees are subject to adherence to the State Code of Ethics which may be found at <http://www.ct.gov/ethics/site/default.asp>.

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