Laboratory Technician (60%) Research Section “Biotic Interactions”

The Research Section “Biotic Interactions” of the Institute of Plant Sciences of the University of Bern is welcoming applications for a Laboratory Technician. Our research group investigates the interaction between plants and plant-associated organisms using molecular and chemical tools. For more information, visit our web site: http://www.ips.unibe.ch/research/interactions/index_eng.html

We look for a talented and motivated Laboratory Technician with strong experience on at least two of the following areas: molecular biology (DNA/RNA extraction, gel electrophoresis, PCR, restriction assays, cloning, etc.), microbiology (culture of bacteria, preparation of culturing media, etc.) and nematology (culture of entomopathogenic nematodes in vivo and in vitro, evaluation of nematode infectivity). Candidates with expertise in other areas are also welcome to apply.

Your tasks will include, but are not limited to: i) performing laboratory experiments using the techniques mentioned above; ii) developing and suggesting improvements for methods and techniques; iii) maintenance of in-house bacterial and nematode collections and iv) managing orders and deliveries. We encourage applicants that are highly self-motivated and committed, have a proactive mindset and a getting-things-done attitude, are collaborative and have the ability to work well in an international environment. Fluency in oral English is a prerequisite.

We offer an exciting research environment, including state-of-the art research facilities, enthusiastic scientists from different nationalities and scientific backgrounds. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to learn new techniques and benefit from additional training to strengthen their skills. Salary according to the salary scale of the canton of Bern

How to apply: Send a single pdf including a letter of motivation, a complete CV and the names and addresses of at least two referees to ricardo.machado@ips.unibe.ch until Jan 15. 2018. The position is available from February 2018.