

Annotated Job Search Sites for Plant Pathologists
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Academic jobs

The Chronicle of Higher Education: <http://chronicle.com/jobs/> Sign up for email alerts on the types of jobs you're interested in at: <http://chronicle.com/jobs/notify.htm>

Higher Ed Jobs: <http://www.higheredjobs.com/> You can post your resume and sign up for email alerts on jobs when you create an account on the site.

Academic Careers: <http://www.academiccareers.com/> This site is reported to be less comprehensive than HigherEdJobs or Chronicle of Higher Ed but worth checking. You can create an account on this site to post a resume or receive email alerts when matching jobs are posted at: <http://www.academiccareers.com/Applicants.htm>

Federal and other public sector jobs

Tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on how to fill out applications for Federal jobs and links to more information about openings and the application process:
<http://iapreview.ars.usda.gov/Careers/docs.htm?docid=1363>

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) hosts the main site for jobs in all Federal agencies: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> This site also has information on matching your skills and interests to potential openings and on trends in Federal hiring. The direct link to the job search page is: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/> From the main page, click on the button for "My USA Jobs" to create an account that will let you post your resume and set up 'search agents' that will email you weekly with jobs that match your search. The direct link to My USA Jobs is: <https://my.usajobs.opm.gov/login.asp?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fmy%2Eusajobs%2Eopm%2Egov%2Findex%2Easp> This site also has a link to the optional paper application form for Federal jobs, OF-612, at: http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of612.pdf

Current graduate students who expect to finish their degrees within a year and are interested in leadership positions in Federal service may want to look into the Presidential Management Fellows program, administered by OPM: <http://www.pmf.opm.gov> This competitive two-year program offers Fellows a rotating series of agency assignments and formal classroom training, leading to accelerated promotions. You must be nominated by your college or university for this program. The nomination period is from Sept. 1 to about Oct. 15 each year.

USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) jobs: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/Careers.htm> You can subscribe to a weekly email listing of openings by clicking on the "Subscribe to ARS Jobs" link on the left frame, under "Careers" or by going directly to: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/docs.htm?docid=1358>

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) jobs:

<https://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/aphis.exe> At this site, you can browse or search for jobs, set up a search agent that will email matching openings, and even fill out and file an online application.

USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) jobs:

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs.html> This overview page includes links to CSREES jobs in the Washington, D.C. area; the CSREES Fellows program at land-grant universities; summer and student employment; jobs in Extension and outreach; and occasional listings for jobs in international development.

Civilian opportunities with the Department of Defense (DOD): see

<http://www.apsnet.org/careers/elements/CiviliancareersDOD.pdf>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) jobs: <http://www.epa.gov/careers/> This overview page has links to information on careers at EPA and current job vacancies. The EZHire page allows you to fill out an online application: Click on “EZHire@EPA” to submit an online application.

Professional society job sites

Check APS’s own Career Planning and Placement site: <http://www.apsnet.org/careers/> for an overview. Search for jobs at: <http://www.apsnet.org/careers/jobfind.asp> Post a CV or resume at: <http://www.apsnet.org/careers/vitapost.asp>

Several other professional societies also offer online listings of jobs in academia, Extension, and industry. You do not have to be a member of the society to use these sites:

American Society for the Advancement of Science (AAAS): <http://www.fellowships.aaas.org>
AAAS offers a number of prestigious one-year fellowships in science and technology policy in Federal agencies and the Congress that are open to scientists at all career levels (although current Federal employees are not eligible). A Ph.D. is usually required, though there are some openings for those with an M.S. Fellows learn about aspects of Federal policymaking and provide scientific expertise to decision-makers on complex issues. Applications are due January 10 of each year for the following September.

American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS): <http://www.ashs.org/hortoport/index.html>

This site lists professional jobs in horticulture and crop, soils, and plant science, as well as assistantships, fellowships, and postdoctoral positions.

American Society for Microbiology (ASM):

http://www.healthcareers.com/site_templates/ASM/index.asp?aff=ASM&SPLD=ASM

Pathogen biologists may find listings of interest on this site. You can search jobs without registering. Registering for an account at this site, part of the larger *HealthCareers* network, allows you to post a resume and cover letter and create a search agent that will email matching listings to you.

Entomological Society of America (ESA): <http://www.entsoc.org/employment/jobs.htm> This site lists primarily entomology jobs, though some are interdisciplinary and might appeal to plant pathologists, especially those who deal with insect-vector-diseases.

Mycological Society of America (MSA): <http://www.msafungi.org/> Click the “Jobs” link in the left frame for listings of jobs in mycology and fungal plant pathology.

The National Academies, including the National Academy of Sciences, collectively offer a Research Associateship program: <http://www4.nas.edu/pga/rap.nsf/WebDocuments/Home+Page> Federal laboratories in more than 100 U.S. and overseas locations offer research opportunities, including many in environmental sciences. Appointments are made in two categories: Postdoctoral Associate (<5 years experience post-degree) and Senior Associate (>5 years experience post-degree).

Society of Nematologists (SON): <http://www.nematologists.org/> Click the “Employment opportunities” button in the left frame for nematology-related job listings.

The “Tri-Societies”—the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), Soil Science Society of America (SSSA)—have an excellent online Career Placement Center: <http://www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/career/index.html> Anyone may search the listing of jobs in agronomic, crop, soil, and environmental sciences and use the extensive set of links to other job posting sites for free. Non-members can pay \$30 to post a resume for six months; this service is free to members. ASA/CSSA/SSSA also sponsor a Congressional Science Fellowship program for early to mid-career Ph.Ds; applicants must be U.S. citizens and members. For more information on this and other awards and scholarships: <http://www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/awards/>