



Position: Research Assistant
Department: College of Arts and Sciences

The University of Pikeville (UPIKE) is seeking applicants for a full-time, NSF funded appointment for a research assistant, starting in the fall of 2024. The position will focus on providing support on the NSF ERISE II grant, which focuses on high tech agriculture and related fungal aspects.

Applicants must have a solid commitment to teaching undergraduate researchers and working in a small university setting and the ability to work effectively with others in a collegial environment dedicated to student learning. Preference will be given to candidates who have a demonstrated commitment to - and will take an active role in - enhancing diversity, inclusion, and belonging. This position may require travel both in and out of the state, during the week and/or weekends.

Responsibilities:

1. Maintaining the mushroom research lab when the PI is not present.
2. Assisting the PI in development of SOP protocols.
3. Ensuring undergraduate researchers follow proper procedures and that research tasks are done in a timely manner.
4. Manage faculty recruitment schedules.
5. Perform other related activities as assigned.

Relationships:

Position requires daily contact with co-workers, supervisor, students, faculty, and staff in order to disseminate necessary information and coordinate for daily operations. These relationships are maintained through electronic, telephone and person-to-person contact.

Reports to: Division Chair

Work is performed independently except where the interpretation of law, policy, rule, complex procedure or request for exception is required.

Education/Skill Requirements:

- A graduate degree in Biology or a related area is required. An M.S. degree in Biology is strongly desired. Applicants with ABD status, and those within one year of completion, will also be considered.
- Applicants with strong molecular biology and/or technical skills, such as PCR or eDNA experience are preferred.
- Applicants with agricultural backgrounds will also be considered.

The University of Pikeville offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. UPIKE offers a competitive benefits package including medical, dental, vision, and life insurance, telemedicine, long term disability, tuition waivers, a 403(b)-retirement plan, and HSA, FSA, & dependent care accounts. UPIKE also offers a generous holiday schedule and paid leave program.

Important Notes: Resume and other application materials will be reviewed to determine if you meet the required qualifications for the position. If it is determined that you meet the required qualifications, your application materials will be used to identify a top group of the most highly qualified candidates. Please, specifically address the qualifications, competencies and desired qualifications in your resume and application materials.

The University of Pikeville is committed to providing a safe and productive learning, living and working community. To achieve this goal, we conduct background investigations for all final applicants being considered for employment. Background investigations include a criminal history record check, and when appropriate, a financial and/or motor vehicle history.

The University of Pikeville is an equal opportunity employer committed to assembling a diverse, broadly trained faculty and staff. The University of Pikeville does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age or disabilities in its programs, activities, hiring, or the admission of students.

For more information about the University of Pikeville, please visit <http://www.upike.edu>. Interested applicants should complete the online application by visiting <https://www.upike.edu/offices/human-resources/careers/>. In addition to the application, interested applicants are requested to attach to their application a letter of interest, current resume, and the contact information for three to five professional references.