Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair of the Department of Plant Pathology at The Ohio State University.

Responsibilities. The Chair, who reports to the Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, administratively leads a comprehensive and diverse departmental program of research, teaching, extension, and international development. The chair fosters effective, collegial, cooperative, and productive relationships among students, staff, and faculty within the department and with other departments and programs at the university; works with other department chairs and administrators to advance the vision and missions of the department in order to optimize resource needs of the department; and promotes the department and college with state, national, and international organizations. The Chair will have the opportunity to carry on instructional, research, or outreach activities, commensurate with his/her administrative responsibilities and interests.

The Department of Plant Pathology. We consist of faculty, post-docs, students, and staff based on the OSU main campus in Columbus and the OARDC research campus in Wooster. Faculty members conduct and lead nationally and internationally recognized research, extension, education, and development programs in fulfillment of the university’s Land Grant mission. We offer B.S. degree programs in Plant Health Management and Plant Pathology, M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs in Plant Pathology, as well as a professional master’s program in Plant Health Management (MPHM). Specializations of the faculty range from genomics and molecular biology to quantitative epidemiology and disease management. We are committed to enhancing an already excellent team of diverse faculty, students, and staff, and promoting positive and inclusive work environments for all individuals. Additional information is available at the department’s website, http://plantpath.osu.edu. The chair position will be based on the Columbus campus.

Qualifications. Candidates must: hold an earned doctorate in plant pathology or related field; be eligible for appointment as a tenured full professor; have the ability to administer and manage the fiscal and human resources in an academic department and have demonstrated leadership qualities. The applicant must have a demonstrated ability to effectively articulate and further the goals of the Department by developing and maintaining productive working relationships with other Department Chairs and School Directors, alumni, university personnel, state and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders of the Department. The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of research, teaching, and/or extension, as well as a demonstrated ability to successfully develop external financial support.

Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin March 31, 2018, and continue until a qualified candidate is identified. Nominations of qualified individuals are invited at any time. Qualified persons are requested to submit the following: 1) a letter of application; 2) a statement of the applicant’s vision and administrative philosophy; leadership experiences and qualifications; 3) a complete Curriculum Vitae including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, of four references and 4) a statement of philosophy and approach to building a diverse, inclusive and welcoming environment for faculty, staff and students. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential. Submit application materials in one pdf, to Dr. Sheryl Barringer, Search Committee Chair, Barringer.11@osu.edu.

Ohio State is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/ West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium.