

**Full Professor and Chair of Phytopathology
Wageningen University & Research**

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Job Description

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Your job

Wageningen University & Research is looking for a full professor (0.8-1.0 fte) to lead the Phytopathology chair group. Our chair group conducts interdisciplinary and discovery research on molecular, ecological and evolutionary interactions between plant pathogens and their biotic environments aiming at improving plant, crop and seed health. Specifically, the group studies the genetic and environmental cues that determine pathogen lifestyle and lifestyle switches, the dynamics of microbial genomes and populations, and how these lead to new disease outbreaks.

Our research spans a vast biological space that includes fungal, bacterial, and oomycete plant pathogens and at all stages of the plant lifecycle. We use our multidisciplinary know-how in strong internal and external collaborations to contribute to sustainable plant disease management through fundamental and applicable discoveries. As a group, we contribute to multiple BSc and MSc programmes. A key objective of our education is to train future scientists to solve phytopathological problems in plants and crops, many that are critical to worldwide food security.

We are excited to recruit a new professor and group chair who will bring an inspiring vision on the future of phytopathology research and education within the domains of Wageningen University. The position of chair of the Phytopathology group provides you with the opportunity to further develop your own research track and your leadership profile with a diverse team of talented researchers, lecturers, and support staff. Together with other staff members, you are responsible for the academic and operational management of this chair group. Of primary importance to Wageningen UR is an inclusive and safe working environment for all employees and students, and the new chair must be willing to foster an inspiring and creative academic climate for all members of the chair group.

More information about our research projects, education and publications can be found at the [website](#). A virtual tour on WUR's green and sustainable campus can be taken [here](#).

The Phytopathology chair group is currently composed of five tenured and non-tenured scientific staff, six technicians, two lecturers, one postdoctoral researcher, one researcher/data analyst, 15 PhD candidates and three support staff. The Phytopathology chair group is embedded in the Plant Sciences Group, one of five science groups at Wageningen University & Research, which has state-of-the-art instruments and facilities. The Plant Sciences Group comprises 20 chair groups and one institute,

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Wageningen Plant Research. The chair group Phytopathology is affiliated with the graduate schools [Experimental Plant Sciences](#) (EPS) and Production Ecology and Resource Conservation (PE&RC). The new chair will contribute constructively to the development and leadership of the science group and the wider collaborative research and impact environment at WUR.

Your qualities

The new chair of the Phytopathology group evidently should have a deep knowledge of phytopathology and a passion for education. Our strategic plan aims at maintaining high-level expertise in multiple disciplines while working as a coherent and collaborative team as our group expands. Leading this dynamic team requires stimulating, inclusive and visionary leadership.

As a candidate professor and chair:

- You have a vision on important future trends and developments in the field of Phytopathology, including your own research area, and you have ideas how these developments could translate into concrete plans for development of the chair group.
- You have experience in leading professionals in an academic environment with a supportive and inclusive leadership style that stimulates personal growth and development, collaboration, and team effort.
- You have ample experience and success with attracting funding and competitive grants.
- You are an experienced and enthusiastic educator and supervisor of students at different academic levels (i.e., BSc, MSc), with an enthusiastic commitment to train the next generation of phytopathologists.
- You have well formed ideas about how to contribute to and support the continuing ambitions of the chair group to achieve a positive societal impact.
- You can create new connections and foster collaboration with other research groups, both nationally and internationally.

We offer you

You will be working for an inspiring international organization actively engaged in a large number of interdisciplinary projects all over the world. The scientific quality of Wageningen University & Research is affirmed by the prominent position we occupy in [international rankings](#) and citation indices.

We offer you a position as Full Professor and Chair of the Phytopathology Group. Besides a competitive salary (maximum gross salary for starting chair holders is € 9,680 per month), we offer a number of additional benefits, such as an end-of-year extra month's salary, a holiday allowance and a pension plan with the Dutch pension fund for government and education. International candidates moving to the Netherlands may benefit from a special tax relief, by which a part of their salary is

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exempt from tax for several years.

Working hours can be discussed to optimize the work-life balance (32-38 hours per week).

Coming from abroad

We are a globally leading university in the life sciences. The themes we deal with are relevant to everyone around the world and therefore Wageningen has a large international community and a lot to offer to international employees.

The university's highly qualified team of advisors on Dutch immigration procedures will help you with the visa application procedures for yourself and, if applicable, for your family. Furthermore, WUR offers a [dual career programme](#) for groups of partners and a [specialised organization](#) will further assist your partner in finding a job or starting a business in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we assist you in finding schools for your children and finding housing in the region or elsewhere in the Netherlands. The [Wageningen University & Research's \(WUR\) International Community page](#) contains practical information about what we do to support international employees and students coming to Wageningen.

Do you want more information?

Further information about the position can be acquired from Prof. Dr. Monique van Oers, Chair of the Appointment Advisory Committee, email monique.vanoers@wur.nl.

More detailed information on the profile and the Phytopathology chair group is available upon request via the executive secretary of the Committee, Annemarie Baaijens, annemarie.baaijens@wur.nl.

Application

You are encouraged to upload your complete application via the respond button on top of this page on the WUR website. Please include in separate pdf documents an (1) application letter, (2) curriculum vitae a (3) list of publications and (4) a 1000-word (max) statement of research and education interests and intended direction.

Applications can be sent until and including Wednesday, 10 July. We especially encourage female candidates, and candidates from abroad, to apply for this position.

The Committee will inform you about the status of your application after Monday, 26 August. Selected candidates will be interviewed for this position on Friday, 11 October. The Committee will thereafter invite short-listed candidates for a second interview and a public lecture on Friday, 8 November.

Equal opportunities

Wageningen University & Research (WUR) employs a large number of people with very different

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backgrounds and qualities, who inspire and motivate each other. We want every talent to feel at home in our organisation and be offered the same career opportunities. We therefore especially welcome applications from people who are underrepresented at WUR. A good example of how WUR deals with inclusiveness can be read on the page working at WUR with a [functional impairment](#).

We are

Wageningen University & Research

The mission of Wageningen University & Research is “To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life”. Under the banner Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen University and the specialized research institutes of the Wageningen Research Foundation have joined forces in contributing to finding solutions to important questions in the domain of healthy food and living environment. With its roughly 30 branches, 7,600 employees (6,700 fte) and 13,100 students and over 150,000 participants to WUR’s Life Long Learning, Wageningen University & Research is one of the leading organizations in its domain. The unique Wageningen approach lies in its integrated approach to issues and the collaboration between different disciplines.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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