

Postdoctoral Research Associate

**Department of Crop Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

A postdoctoral research associate position is available in December 2009 in the Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), in the laboratory of Dr. Frank Zhao. We are looking for highly motivated candidates with a strong publication record and experience in molecular plant-microbe interactions and functional genomics. The research project funded by USDA will involve in gene regulation and regulatory networks. The project provides an opportunity for training in both genetics and genomics, and interaction with UIUC's very active research community with access to state-of-the-art research and greenhouse facilities and modern genomics laboratories. The successful applicant should have a recent Ph.D. in plant pathology, microbiology, genomics, or related field. Experience in RNA isolation, northern blot, real time PCR, and microarrays is preferred, but not required. A previous experience with bioinformatics is a plus. The position is initially for one year and can be extended for up to three years, but it is contingent on performance and productivity. Competitive salary with fringe benefits is commensurate with experience and qualifications. University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Application instructions: Please send a short description of research interests and career goals, CV including list of publications, and contact information for three references to Dr. Zhao (zhao888@uiuc.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled.