

POSITION DESCRIPTION
Chairperson, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences
Michigan State University

Position. Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) invites applications and nominations for Chairperson of the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences (PSM). PSM (www.canr.msu.edu/psm/) is an interdisciplinary department in Agronomy/crop science, Microbial science, Plant breeding and genetics, Plant pathology, Soil science, Turfgrass science/management, and Weed science, with over 70 faculty. The Department provides a stimulating intellectual environment for engaged scholarship in promoting durable agricultural systems and environmental stewardship. The full time, 12-month appointment position is available beginning August 15, 2019.

Qualifications. The Department is seeking an individual with an outstanding record of achievement, including distinguished scholarship, leadership, team building, and dedication to the land grant mission. The applicant should have an appreciation for the range of disciplines related to plant, soil, and microbial sciences and the diverse functions of teaching, research, extension, and outreach and must exhibit preparedness for administration of a large, diverse department. Qualified candidates must have a doctorate in a related discipline and meet the requirements for tenure at the rank of full professor in PSM.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In CANR we do not just accept difference; we celebrate, support, and thrive on it for the benefit of our faculty, staff, students, and community. CANR is proud to be an equal opportunity workplace and an affirmative action employer that is committed to achieving inclusive excellence through attracting diverse candidates and fostering a culture of equity where everyone can attain individual and collective goals.

About the University. MSU is one of the top research universities in the world and home to nationally ranked and recognized academic, residential college, and service-learning programs. MSU enjoys a park-like campus with outlying research facilities and natural areas. The campus is located in the city of East Lansing, adjacent to the state capital city of Lansing. The Lansing metropolitan area has a diverse population of approximately 450,000. Local communities have excellent school systems and place a high value on education. MSU is proactive about its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and in exploring employment opportunities for dual career families, both inside and outside the University. MSU respects all family forms.

How to Apply. Please see the full position description at the MSU Human Resources site at <https://jobs.msu.edu> (Posting #553197). To apply, applicants must submit an application at the MSU Human Resources site and upload three documents: 1) a resume/CV, 2) a cover letter describing your interest in the position with an emphasis on your experience and philosophical approaches, and 3) a statement on how you would go about achieving a culture of diversity and inclusion as Department Chairperson. Please also submit names and contact information for three references. Letters are not initially required, but these individuals may be immediately approached for additional information. Review of the applications will begin February 28, 2019, and the position will remain open until filled. For more information, please contact search committee co-chairs: Wei Zhang (weizhang@msu.edu) or Scott Loveridge (loverid2@msu.edu).