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**Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Abbotsford (Hybrid)**

**Director, Plant Health Unit
\$123,100.01 - \$157,100.11 annually**

At the Plant Health Unit, you'll be joining a well-established, highly technical team of 18 dedicated professionals who are passionate about safeguarding plant health and agricultural productivity in B.C. This team of experts in plant pathology, entomology and diagnostics works to address critical plant health threats that impact the environment and the competitiveness of crops. Their deep technical expertise and commitment to their work make them a vital part of protecting the province's agricultural sustainability, with a strong focus on collaboration and innovation.

As Director of the Plant Health Unit, you will lead a science-driven team responsible for overseeing laboratory operations, managing resources and strategically supporting B.C.'s agricultural sector. Your leadership will be critical in delivering diagnostic testing and targeted research programs, including field diagnostic support and regulatory compliance to safeguard plant health and ensure agricultural sustainability. This position offers the opportunity to contribute to innovative solutions that enhance food safety, security and the global competitiveness of B.C.'s agriculture sector.

Qualifications for this role include:

- A Master's (AFTER the completion of an unrelated Bachelor's Degree) plus 5 years of experience in plant sciences or agricultural sciences, specialized in plant pathology, entomology, weed science or pest management.; OR
- Doctoral degree plus 3 years of experience in plant sciences or agricultural sciences, specialized in plant pathology, entomology, weed science or pest management.
- NOTE: If your degree was obtained outside of Canada, you need to confirm it has been assessed for equivalency through the International Credential Evaluation Services (ICES).
- Minimum 3 experience managing or working in plant diagnostic laboratory functions, procedures and operations.
- Minimum 3 experience in a senior management role leading new business development projects and/or business transformation projects.
- Minimum 3 experience leading multi-disciplinary teams including supervising, managing, and coaching
- Minimum 3 experience establishing and reconciling program and/or project objectives, priorities and budgets (e.g., strategic business planning; contract management; financial management; and leading multi-party interest-based negotiations, preparing briefing notes, Cabinet submissions, Requests for Legislation, Treasury Board Submissions, status reports and other materials).

For more information and to apply online by October 15, 2024, please go to:

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