Junior Specialist I Position in Molecular Biology

The Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology at the University of California invites applicants for a Junior Specialist I position [full-time] in molecular biology techniques to conduct applied research for the Degnan Lab in Riverside, CA. This position will ideally start on October 17th, 2023. The purpose of this position is RNA extraction, cloning, and sequencing for the Degnan laboratory. The final candidate will possess specialized skills in basic molecular biology techniques. The position also requires the ability to work independently and interpret and implement new techniques and their analyses in collaboration with the PI and/or other Hansen lab members.

Required qualifications for this position that must be met by the **date of application** include: baccalaureate degree in molecular biology/ biology/ microbiology (or equivalent degree) and training and experience in molecular biology techniques. Also the individual must be highly organized and can wors independently and in a collaborative multidisciplinary environment. Preferred qualifications for this position include: RNA/DNA extractions, PCR, cloning, 5’ RACE, and bioinformatics experience.

**To apply:** submit a c.v./resume with contact information for 2-3 professional references to patrick.degnan@ucr.edu. Position is available immediately; we plan to hire by October 2023.

For full consideration, applicants should submit their complete applications prior to October 1st, 2023.

Advancement through the Specialist position ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

**University of California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy**: As a condition of employment, you will be required to comply with the University of California [SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Policy](https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/5000695/SARS-CoV-2_Covid-19). All Covered Individuals under the policy must provide proof of Full Vaccination or, if applicable, submit a request for Exception (based on Medical Exemption, Disability, and/or Religious Objection) or Deferral (based on pregnancy) no later than the applicable deadline. Please refer to Appendix F, Section II.C. of the policy for the deadlines applicable to new University of California employees. (Capitalized terms in this paragraph are defined in the policy.) Federal, state, or local public health directives may impose additional requirements.