



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

TITLE: TES Bio-Aide (Summer CAPS Program) (Temporary Employment Services – 944 hrs. per fiscal year)	ANNOUNCEMENT #: 07-26	ISSUE DATE: 3/31/2026 CLOSING DATE: 4/20/2026
SALARY: \$19.00 per hour	<input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT WIDE <input type="checkbox"/> STATEWIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GENERAL PUBLIC	
LOCATION: Division of Plant Industry, Ewing, New Jersey		
JOB DESCRIPTION		
<p>Under the direction of the Supervising Plant Pathologist in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, meets with farmers and nurserymen to obtain permission for trapping/sampling; collects soil samples using a soil probe for nematode testing; uses Fenwick Can to extract nematodes from soil sample; collects leaf samples for virus testing; delivers samples to the Plant Laboratory; deploys and services insect traps; delivers insect trap catches to Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory; maintains data in data sheets; enters data into excel spreadsheet; other related duties as required.</p> <p>This is a summer seasonal position. Must be able to work independently and may be assigned other related duties as required. Work hours are up to 40 hours per week. Field Biological Aides are required to drive their own vehicle and mileage reimbursement is \$0.47 per mile. Field work is in Central/Southern NJ (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem counties). The lab is located at PHEAL in Ewing, NJ.</p>		
REQUIREMENTS		
<p>EDUCATION: Coursework in Biological Sciences including Entomology, Horticulture, Botany, Ecology, and other related studies preferred.</p> <p>EXPERIENCE: One (1) season of outdoor work experience. Must be able to walk at least 1 mile over uneven ground.</p> <p>NOTE: All college degrees (both U.S. and non-U.S.) and/or transcripts from a college or university must already be evaluated for accreditation by the closing date of posting. Transcripts (if required) must be submitted with resume. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in ineligibility.</p> <p>NOTE: Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized evaluation service at your expense. Submit a copy of the evaluation with each application that requires a college degree or credits. For additional information, please refer to the Civil Service Commission website at: https://www.nj.gov/csc/</p> <p>LICENSE: Appointees will be required to possess a driver’s license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle rather than employee mobility is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.</p> <p>AUTHORIZATION TO WORK: The selected candidate must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship, and Immigration Services regulations.</p> <p>NOTE: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for permanent residency to the United States or work visa.</p>		
IMPORTANT NOTICE		
<p>Effective September 1, 2011, NJ PL 70 (NJ First Act), requires all State employees to reside in New Jersey, unless exempted under the law, or current employees who live out-of-state and do not have a break-in service of more than 7 calendar days, as they are "grandfathered." New employees or current employees who were not grandfathered and who live out-of-state have one year after the date of employment to relocate their residence to New Jersey or request an exemption. Current employees who reside in NJ must retain NJ residency, unless an exemption is obtained. Employees who fail to meet the residency requirements or obtain an exemption will be removed from employment.</p>		
ELECTRONIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS		
<p>Interested applicants must email a cover letter, including the announcement number, resume, and transcripts by the closing date of this Notice of Job Vacancy to njdajobs@ag.nj.gov.</p>		
SAME PROGRAM INFORMATION		
<p>SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ “SAME” program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted to njdajobs@ag.nj.gov along with your resume, cover letter, announcement number, and transcript (if position has a degree requirement) by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program visit their Website at: https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml, email: CSC-SAME@csc.nj.gov, or call CSC at (609) 292-4144, option 3.</p>		
BENEFIT(S)*		
<p>*Pursuant to the State/Department’s policy, procedures and/or guidelines</p> <p>TES benefits include: Earned Sick Time</p>		

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