Work-Study jobs:

Research Assistant

Plant Virus Ecology

in the Biology Department

Position summary

The Mitchell Lab is seeking work-study students to assist with our laboratory and greenhouse work on viruses that infect plants. Work may occasionally be outdoors. Main responsibilities are:

- helping test whether individual plants are infected by viruses (using the ELISA procedure, which is a widely used technique through all the life sciences, including veterinary and medicine),
- watering and maintaining plants in the greenhouse,
- maintaining laboratory populations of aphids (insects that feed on plants),
- collecting data in the lab, such as weighing samples of plant tissue.

No specific experience or classes are required – all training is provided. What is most important is that you have a dependable schedule. It may be possible to negotiate some work hours during evenings or weekends. In addition to obtaining research experience, students will have the opportunity to receive mentoring on applying to graduate school, as well as letters of recommendation. We have had numerous undergraduates work in our lab before. We always look forward to fresh faces, and have an excellent track record of helping our students achieve their academic and professional goals. Students who do a good job their first year, then come back for a second year, will get a raise (to the S4 level).

- Starting pay (at the S2 level) will be $10.00 per hour.
- Contact Marty Dekkers at mdekkers@email.unc.edu or 919-843-8177.
- Research group webpage: http://www.bio.unc.edu/faculty/mitchell/lab/PeopleFrontpage.htm.

Note that only students with approved support from the Work-Study program (federal financial aid) are eligible!