**Director of Imaging and Microscopy Facility**

**Description**

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (DDPSC) in St. Louis, MO seeks candidates to fill an opening for Director of the Imaging and Microscopy Facility (IMF). The successful candidate will manage and provide leadership to the IMF (https://www.danforthcenter.org/scientists-research/core-technologies/integrated-microscopy), a core imaging facility, which provides a variety of microscopy and other imaging-related resources to scientists at DDPSC and in the surrounding community. Developing up-to-date sample prep and imaging capabilities, and participation in projects supported by extramural funding as PI or Co-PI on grants, are also expected.

**Qualifications**

Candidate should have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a relevant field of study. This position will demand an exceptional sense of customer service, flexibility, hands-on problem solving ability, as well as excellent written and oral communication skills. The successful candidate will be able to balance scientific and technical responsibilities with strategic management of a core facility, and should have:

- Expertise and proven record in one or more key imaging technologies used in plant biology including TEM/SEM and confocal microscopy
- Broad understanding of different imaging technologies and their most recent applications
- Commitment to maintaining and supporting a diverse and inclusive work environment
- Strong people skills with customer-oriented outlook in assisting and training facility users
- Good organizational skills with ability to manage time and budgets efficiently and effectively
- Strong sense of community and collaborative approach to science

Please provide a cover letter, CV, names and contact information for three references, and a statement that succinctly describes your vision for a modern core imaging facility.

Review of applications will begin on Nov. 15 and continue until a candidate is identified.

**About the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center:**

Founded in 1998, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is an independent, non-profit research institute with a mission to improve the human condition through plant science. Our twenty-four principal investigators work across the spectrum of basic to applied research in order to discover the underlying principles of how plants work, and seek ways to apply that knowledge towards improvement of agriculture and human health. The Center’s work is funded through private philanthropy and competitive grants from many sources, including the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Energy, National Science Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Danforth Center offers competitive pay and a generous benefits package.