A postdoctoral research associate position is available immediately for a CA Dept of Food and Agriculture-funded project in the lab of Chris Rock at Texas Tech University. A motivated person with excellent molecular biology skills is sought to investigate the role of microRNAs and trans-acting small interfering RNAs and their targets in Pierce's disease of grapevine (caused by a xylem-restricted plant pathogen, *Xylella fastidiosa*) using CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing technologies. Background on the project can be found in *Trends Pl Sci* 18: 601 (2013). The research will employ interdisciplinary approaches including analytical biochemistry, molecular biology, and genomics in collaboration with the phytopathology group of Leo De La Fuente at Auburn University (see *Mol Pl Microbe Int* 27: 1048 [2014]). The appointment is available immediately and is for one year, with renewal contingent upon continued funding availability.

Qualifications: A recent Ph.D. in molecular biology, plant pathology, biochemistry, genetics, or related field. The successful candidate should have a good publication record, strong communication skills, and demonstrated expertise in recombinant DNA, genetics, and/or biochemistry. A plant science background is not required. The person should be independent and motivated to advance basic scientific knowledge of plant-microbe interactions and translational applications to meet challenges to sustainable crop production.

Interested applicants should send CV, a cover letter describing research interests and career goals, and the contact information for three references by e-mail to chris.rock@ttu.edu. TTU is EOE of individuals and actively seeks diversity among its employees.