



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

POSITION, TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:

Plant Protection & Quarantine Aid/Technician
GS-0421-04/05: \$17.46/\$19.52 per hour

RECRUITMENT NO: UTSPHD-26

OPENING DATE: Immediately

CLOSING DATE: April 3rd or until filled

PROMOTIONAL POTENTIAL: NONE

LOCATION OF POSITION: USDA-APHIS-PPQ, West Valley City, UT

The position will require working in remote areas, regularly on travel. This is not a remote position working from home.

To submit a resume or for further information please contact:

USDA-APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine
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Applications are being accepted from the public for the following positions:

USDA is recruiting for two (2) temporary, full-time technician positions. Interested candidates will be interviewed as applications are received until the positions are filled, and you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Employees will begin work in May 2026, and end in late August or September 2026 depending on employee availability and program needs. The tour of duty will be four, 10-hour days with three-day weekends. Work schedules may be altered. Benefits include paid holidays with annual and sick leave earned.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a minimum of a high school diploma and a valid driver's license.

GS-04: Successful completion of 2 years of study that included at least 8 semester hours in courses such as biology, plant pathology, entomology, zoology, botany, forestry, chemistry, agriculture, or physics.

GS-05: Successful completion of 4 years of study that included at least 16 semester hours in courses such as biology, plant pathology, entomology, zoology, botany, forestry, chemistry, agriculture, or physics.

- Applicants can qualify based on other general or specialized experience.

DUTIES: Duties include surveying grasshoppers and other pests throughout Utah; collecting insects with nets and by hand; utilizing iPads and collecting data; maintaining and submitting accurate records and reports; driving on rural/gravel roads; and possible monitoring of grasshopper suppression activities that include pesticides. Frequent overnight travel of three nights a week is required. While in official travel status, a government vehicle will be provided. Hotel and per diem (meal) costs are covered by the Agency. Most of the duties require working independently, without direct supervision in rural areas. Training will be provided.

TO APPLY: Applicants must submit a resume (no more than two pages) that includes details of your experience including duration of previous positions and an official copy of your high school or college transcripts as applicable. Email your resume and transcripts to Peter Rockermann, State Plant Health Director UT/NV at peter.rockermann@usda.gov.

All males born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service Board.

Applicants selected for Federal positions will be required to complete a background information form before entering on duty.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED

THE ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Use of postage paid Agency envelopes in filing applications is a violation of Federal law and will disqualify you for consideration.