

Faculty Team Positions at the Boyce Thompson Institute

Description. BTI, an independent research institute on the Cornell University campus, invites applications for teams of 2-3 individuals seeking to conduct an interdisciplinary project(s). BTI will evaluate the success of these appointments by demonstration of collaboration and strategic contributions to projects with colleagues, rather than leadership within a given discipline or biological focus. Therefore, selection of successful applicants will be based on the potential of the team, rather than the individuals involved. Successful teams will therefore conduct a project together, but their members will also be parts of other teams involving BTI, Cornell or other scientists around the world. The research goals of the team project should be within, or touch on, the field of plant science. However, we encourage the involvement of non-traditional disciplines including engineering, physics, or any other field with the potential to contribute to plant science. We welcome projects that include potential translational components. Queries as to appropriate topics for applications are welcomed.

Appointment type. Appointments will be made at the Assistant Professor level initially for three years, with a second 3-year appointment possible. Exceptional performance of the team on the criteria mentioned above could lead to consideration of further extension. A generous research/startup fund will be provided to the team to be shared as it sees fit.

Application process. Applications should include a single proposal for collaborative research project(s) of up to three pages, with a maximum of two additional pages to describe the collaborative framework. This document should describe the rationale for forming a team, anticipated synergies within the team, and the concept for project management and budgeting. Individual CV's with the names of three references should also be included. Materials should be submitted as a single PDF document to teamsearch@btiscience.org.

For potential applicants who wish to participate in team science but have not yet conceived that team, BTI has created a virtual space to facilitate exchanges of research ideas, platforms and expertise - please visit <http://btiteamforum.org/>. Identifying information on this site is kept confidential, including to the search committee, and your contributions are accessible only to others who express a mutual wish to be considered as a potential member of your team.

Please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page and send additional inquiries to teamsearch@btiscience.org. We will be happy to arrange phone calls to discuss these novel positions. Review of applications will begin May 14, 2018, with the starting date for the appointments being flexible. Additional information about BTI can be obtained at <http://btiscience.org>.

BTI is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. We particularly encourage applications from teams that take advantage of the diversity of scientists. BTI also prides itself on family-friendly policies and is committed to helping its staff achieve career success with an appropriate work-life balance.