



Career Opportunity – Field Research – Efficacy Trials

Location: Minto, Manitoba

Ag-Quest, the premiere provider of Western Canadian contract research services for the agricultural industry since 1983, is looking for full-time, permanent Field Research Associate to join our team in Minto to conduct various types of product efficacy field trials.

Qualifications:

- M.Sc. or B.Sc. in Ag or B.Sc in other areas, Ag background is preferred
- Must have a Valid Class 5 Driver's license or higher class
- Must have Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency status
- Experience with field research trials, trial design, and crop production practices is an asset
- Ability to identify crop pests, primarily weeds and diseases is an asset

Skills

- Excellent attention to detail
- Ask questions to clarify and understand and follow protocols, procedures, situations
- Problem solving and critical thinking
- Strong English written and verbal communication with project coordinators, clients and support staff
- Able to work both independently and in a team environment
- Able and willing to learn new skills
- Strong organizational skills and time management
- Familiarity with trial design and layout is an asset
- Ability to operate field research equipment (tractors, seeders, sprayers, combines, etc.) is an asset.



Field Research Associate Job Description:

The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for conducting multiple field trials testing efficacy of products such as pesticides, fertilizers, inoculants and other plant growth promotants. The candidate will be responsible for all aspects of conducting these agricultural field trials as per protocol for the duration of the research season. This includes, but is not limited to, locating trial sites suitable for crop and pests, operating plot equipment, planting crops and introducing pests, maintaining trials, applying test item and maintenance pesticides, assessments, harvesting trials, data analysis and summary, writing and submitting trial reports to clients. The candidate will supervise summer research technicians that are assisting with field trials during the research season.

The candidate will be required to work outdoors, operate small plot equipment including tractors, plot drills, sprayers, mowers and harvesters, loading and securing equipment on trailers, as well as driving trucks and trailers. Depending on workload and skill levels, other trial and duties may be assigned. The candidate will participate in annual SOP review and ongoing training. Attention to detail, organization, patience, and the ability to plan in the face of changing weather conditions and trial needs are critical attributes for this position.

Depending on the skill level of the successful applicant, a field season of apprenticeship under an experienced Researcher may be required before the candidate has the necessary skills to assume the role of a Field Research Associate.

The candidate will be expected to work independently and as a member of the Ag-Quest team. Communication and cooperation with other research personnel is essential to ensure all programs at the station are completed successfully. Extended work hours will be required during peak seasons. The winter season will be dedicated to training, facility and equipment maintenance, and assisting with other programs or projects to contribute to the overall success of the company. Some travel may be required.

Start date: March 1, 2020 or as soon as a possible.

Salary: Dependent on relevant experience and education. Benefit package is available.

Candidates should outline their work experience, research qualifications and practical skills in the resume and cover letter, and be prepared to provide references. Only those candidates under consideration will be contacted. This position will remain open until filled.

Please apply to careers@agquest.com.