



Career Opportunity – Field Research – Variety 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 variety field trials.

Qualifications:

- B.Sc. or Diploma in Ag or BSc 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, crop production practices, and operation of field research equipment (tractors, seeders, sprayers, combines, etc.) is an asset
- Previous experience in agriculture and/or agricultural field trials is a strong asset

Skills

- Excellent attention to detail
- Able to follow protocols and procedures
- Ask questions to clarify and understand 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



Field Research Associate Job Description:

The successful candidate will conduct variety research trials at the Minto Ag-Quest Station. The candidate will be responsible for all aspects of conducting these agricultural field trials. This includes, but is not limited to, locating suitable trial sites, operating plot equipment, planting and maintaining trials, test item and maintenance pesticide applications, assessments, harvesting trials, maintaining records as per protocol and SOP requirements, and submitting trial reports to clients.

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 types 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.

The candidate will be expected to work independently and as a member of the Ag-Quest team, cooperating with other research personnel on station to ensure all phases of the work 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 to off-station trials and relevant meetings as required.

The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for conducting crop variety trials; therefore agronomic knowledge, attention to detail, organization and patience are critical attributes for this position.

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.

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