



Career Opportunity – Research Associate

(Maternity leave)

Ag-Quest, the premiere provider of Western Canadian contract research services for the agricultural industry since 1983, is looking for a Research Associate for a maternity leave for a term, January 2019 to November 2019. The Research Associate will conduct Variety field trials at the Research Station at Elm Creek, Manitoba.

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
- Able to work both independently and in a team environment
- Able and willing to learn new skills
- Strong organizational skills and time management



Research Associate Job Description:

The successful candidate will conduct variety research trials at the Elm Creek 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, and drive trucks and trailers.

The candidate will be expected to work independently and as a member of the Elm Creek 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. Some travel may be required to off-station trials.

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

Start date: January 2019

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