



Career Opportunity – Assistant Plant Genetics Coordinator

Location: Minto, Manitoba

Ag-Quest, the premiere provider of Western Canadian contract research services for the agricultural industry since 1983, is looking for a full-time, permanent professional to join our team in Minto to assist the Plant Genetics Coordinator with variety and plant breeding trial coordination and management.

Qualifications:

- B.Sc., M.Sc or PhD in Agronomy or Plant Genetics
- Successful candidate must have at least 5 years' experience conducting agricultural field trials in Canada. Experience with multiple crops is an asset.
- Must have a Valid Class 5 Driver's license or higher class.
- Must have Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency status
- Experience with field research trial design, crop and pest management, breeding methodology, and equipment operation and calibration is essential. Experience with confined field trials is an asset.

Skills

- Ability to learn, identify and address knowledge gaps effectively
- Able to work with multiple stakeholders
- Excellent attention to detail
- Problem solving and critical thinking
- Strong english written and oral communication
- Experience supervising and directing personnel
- Strong interpersonal skills, including conflict resolution
- Strong record keeping and report writing skills
- Able to work both independently and in a team environment
- Strong organizational skills and time management
- Have a reputation for conducting agricultural field trials of high quality
- Effective crop production and pest management skills at a field trial level
- Strong computer and word processing skills

Assistant Plant Genetics Coordinator Job Description:

The successful candidate will assist the Plant Genetics Coordinator with the coordination of crop variety adaptation and plant breeding trials. The position will be located at the Minto Ag-Quest station.

The candidate will report directly to the Plant Genetics Coordinator, and is responsible for assisting the Plant Genetics Coordinator. This includes, but is not limited to, assisting with project management, preparing project quotes and protocols, coordination of trials, quality control of trials, assigning variety trials and plant breeding projects to Research Associates, supporting Research Associates, as well as interacting with Clients. The candidate will provide operational and management support to the CEO and Project Coordinators and employees as required, to facilitate quality research in the area of plant breeding and varietal evaluations. The candidate may be required to work outdoors, operate small plot equipment, drive trucks and trailers, and train others in field tasks and small plot equipment operation. The candidate will participate in annual SOP review and ongoing training. The candidate will attend relevant meetings to represent Ag-Quest, meet with clients regularly, and assist in sourcing new contracts and developing new services.

The candidate will be expected to work independently and with others, cooperating with other members of the management and research teams to ensure all phases of the work are completed successfully. Extended work hours will be required during peak seasons. Travel to all Ag-Quest stations; in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. is required. Minimal out-of-country travel may be required.

The successful candidate will be expected to participate in training personnel, and reviewing and developing relevant SOPs. The preferred candidate will be invested in building and leading a strong team, and has an interest in long term employment.

Start date: ASAP.

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

Candidates should outline their education, work experience, research qualifications and practical skills in the resume or 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 by email at careers@agquest.com.