Position Announcement

Position: Assistant Scientist, W0041702
Full-Time, 12-month position, renewable term position upon satisfactory progress & continued funding

Location: KSU Department of Agronomy, Manhattan, KS, USA

Position Description: The successful candidate will independently manage preparation, planting, data collection, harvest and processing of soybean breeding yield trials and assume responsibility for field evaluations. In addition, this person will oversee the seed increase and purification component of the breeding program. Other related duties include, but are not limited to, training and supervision of graduate and undergraduate students, maintaining field equipment, developing specifications for bids, installation of equipment, support of winter nursery and greenhouse operations and assisting visitors to the soybean breeding program. Create an environment that fosters diversity, collegiality and ability to work in a multi-cultural setting.

Qualifications: Required: B.S. in Agronomy or related field. Excellent verbal and written communication. Experience may be substituted for education as determined relevant by the agency. Experience conducting agricultural research with small plot equipment or experience in production agriculture required. Experience in the operation, adjustment and maintenance of farm or small plot equipment. Must have a current and active driver license and be willing to operate a vehicle. Must have, or be able to obtain in the first 6 months of employment, a Class A CDL and Commercial Pesticide Applicators license. Must be able to do physical lifting (up to 60 lbs) and work in varying environments (heat, cold, wind, etc.). Willingness to travel, including overnight travel, and to work additional hours/weekends during peak periods. Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity.

Preferred: Experience in plant breeding, plant pathology, plant physiology or related field. Knowledge of multi-media tools (IPAD), Excel, Word and computer skills.

Salary and Benefits: Salary commensurate with experience and training. Position eligible for KSU unclassified position benefits.

How to apply: Applicants should email as PDF files a letter of application, including a statement of career objectives, resume, a copy of transcripts and three letters of reference to:

Ms. Brittany Green
bdgreen@k-state.edu

Please refer to position W0041702 – Assistant Scientist in the subject line when applying.

Date available: September 2015

Application Deadline: Screening of applicants will begin August 24, 2015 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For inquiries, please contact Bill Schapaugh at wts@ksu.edu or (785) 770-7906.

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