Position Announcement

Position: Assistant Scientist (Field Technician, Sorghum Genetics)
Position # W7467
Full-time, 12-month, term position

Location: Department of Agronomy
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS  66506-5501

Position Description: The KSU Sorghum Genetics program is seeking a motivated technician to carry out and manage field studies. The Assistant Scientist will have responsibility to plan and implement field activities including seed preparation, planting, weed control, harvesting, and data collection; to manage and curate data, seeds, and samples; to hire, train, and supervise student workers; to write technical documentation including work plans and protocols; and to provide administrative and technical support. Must be able to do physical lifting (up to 60 lbs), work in varying environments (heat, cold, wind, etc.), willing to travel, including overnight travel, and work additional hours/weekends during peak periods. The candidate must be able to work in a multi-cultural setting and have a strong commitment to promoting diversity in the workplace.

Qualifications: Required: B.S. in Agronomy, Plant Breeding, or closely related field. Experience handling farm machinery, in small plot research setting and/or in production agriculture. Must have a driver license and be willing to operate a vehicle. Effective oral and written communication skills in English; Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity.

Preferred: M.S. in Agronomy, Plant Breeding, or closely related field. Experience in plant breeding or crop genetics research. Experience with unmanned aerial systems, databases, and/or programming.

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

How to apply: Send (as a single PDF) a letter of application, resume, and contact information (name, affiliation, email address, phone number) of three professional references to:

Brittany Green, Email: bdgreen@k-state.edu

Please refer to position W7467 in the subject line when applying.

Date available: August 2015

Application Deadline: Screening of applicants will begin August 15, 2015 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information, please contact Dr. Geoffrey Morris at gpmorris@ksu.edu.