Position Announcement

Position: Research Assistant, W0017096, Soil Testing/Soil Fertility 0.8 Time, 12-month position, renewable term position upon satisfactory progress & continued funding

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

Position Description: This position provides a unique opportunity to gain experience in soil fertility and soil testing research and extension activities while earning a Ph.D. in Agronomy. This student will work closely with their faculty supervisor to oversee the daily operations of the KSU Soil Testing Lab. Lab responsibilities will focus on quality assurance, including reviewing lab results and fertilizer recommendations for samples submitted by the public or county agents; Responding to inquiries regarding soil testing and fertilizer recommendations from clientele; Method development and soil test calibration and correlation research to improve fertilizer recommendations. Create an environment that fosters diversity, collegiality and ability to work in a multi-cultural setting.

Qualifications: Required: M.S. degree in Agronomy, Soil Science or related discipline with experience in soil fertility/crop production research or extension. Must be able to attain admission to the KSU Agronomy graduate program and KSU Graduate School. Good written and oral communication skills and the ability to work as a team member. Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity.

Preferred: Strong chemistry and statistics background and prior experience in computer programming.

Salary and Benefits: Annual stipend for a Ph.D. candidate is $28,598. Eligible for Kansas resident tuition/fees, and staff benefits including health insurance, vacation and sick leave.

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 professional references to:

Ms. Brittany Green
bdgreen@k-state.edu

Please refer to position W0017096 – Research Assistant in the subject line when applying.

Date available: November 2014

Application Deadline: Screening of applicants will begin October 27, 2014 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For inquiries, please contact Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz at ruizdiaz@ksu.edu or (785) 532-6183.

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