



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: RESEARCH AGRONOMIST I – Plot Care Specialist

About the job:

This multi-faceted position centers around the establishment and maintenance of crops grown for research plots. Working closely with Project Managers and following clients' protocols the RA I – Plot Care Specialist will manage the planting, growing and harvesting of a wide variety of plants exclusively for small plot research or specialty seed production purposes. As a part of a dynamic field team you will also participate in the agronomic and crop protection trials, configure and maintain farming and research equipment, and maintain the research facility. The successful candidate will be a self-starter with an upbeat positive attitude, excellent organizational skills, the ability to set up and maintain schedules for multiple projects, meet deadlines and engage in robust communication internally and externally to the company. This is a hands-on field position in the arid southwest. It requires one be able to perform moderately strenuous field activities, climbing up and down ditch banks, on and off equipment, etc. Approximate field/desk work ratio for this role is 75/25. Occasional travel is required. Position is based in Yuma, AZ.

Minimum Qualifications:

Must be legal to work in the United States to apply.

BS in a field of agricultural or related natural science (agronomy preferred).

One to three years of relevant work experience (may be summer internships).

Excellent written and spoken English skills are mandatory.

Fluency in using computer software such as MS Excel and MS Word.

Experience driving a tractor and operating farm machinery.

Must be able to lift 50 lbs and be physically active on uneven terrain and in hot or cold field conditions

Must have a valid driver's license.

Desired Qualifications and Abilities

Experience in crop production, field trial design, agronomic evaluations, small plot and commercial sprayer calibration and application techniques, pest identification skills, and operation of farm equipment and irrigation systems.

Desire to remain updated with new agricultural trends and technology.

Ability to work independently and proceed with objectives without close supervision

Willingness to work as a team member

Experience with EPA GLP and USDA biotech regulations and biotech stewardship concepts.

Knowledge of Gylling Data Management's ARM as well as MS Project and Access.

Competitive salary range commensurate with education and experience.

To Apply, submit your resume, and a cover letter of a minimum of 150 words explaining why you are the perfect person to join us in this role at RD4AG. Apply or inquire at: jobs@rd4ag.com

About the company:

Research Designed for Agriculture (RD4AG) provides independent agricultural research services to the agribusiness industry. In business since 1983, RD4AG is one of the leading CRO's in agri-products testing in a broad range of crops. As a contract research organization, we are partners in research and innovation with each one of our client companies in the assessment and regulatory aspects involved in developing exciting new technologies to further the success of agriculture in providing food and fiber. In the field, under real world conditions, we generate data for products and systems such as fertilizers, organic and conventional pesticides, growth enhancers, conventional and biotech seed and plant varieties, irrigation, equipment, farming systems, and more. Between our operations in the low desert of Arizona and the high plains of Montana we conduct field studies in over 75 different crops. We are a small, dynamic group of people who care about each other. We are passionate about what we do and feel that we are an important part of "Developing Tomorrow's Agriculture".