



Position Announcement

POSITION: Assistant Scientist, 12-month, regular position.

LOCATION: Kansas State University, Southwest Research-Extension Center, Garden City, KS.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a professional position supporting a weed science project supervised by a faculty project leader. The employee will conduct controlled-environment and field weed control experiments according to written protocols. Duties include implementing and maintaining experiments for the control of weeds in agronomic crops; application of agricultural pesticides; operation of farming, harvesting, threshing, sample processing equipment and instrumentation; collecting and analyzing data, assisting in summarizing research data and writing reports; and supervising support personnel and temporary laborers.

Qualifications: **Required:** B.S. degree in agronomy or other plant science discipline, soil science, or biology plus three years field experience in weed control research or crop production or other plant-related discipline; knowledge of modern mechanized agricultural production practices and experience with farm equipment operation and maintenance; demonstrated knowledge of weed science principles and crop production practices; initiative and the ability to work independently with minimal supervision; must have (or be willing to obtain) commercial pesticide applicator's license; good verbal and written communication skills; and proficiency in the use of computers, word processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics software. Must have a strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity in the department. **Preferred:** M.S. degree in weed science with experience in weed ecology, crop-weed competition, or integrated weed management; knowledge of experimental plot techniques, experience with ARM data management program, statistical data analysis, and familiarity with Statistical Analysis System (SAS) software.

SALARY: Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Standard Kansas State University faculty benefits.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Screening of applicants will begin on February 21, 2011 and continue until position is filled.

AVAILABLE: March 15, 2011.

APPLICATION: Submit a detailed narrative summarizing goals and qualifications, a personal resume, transcripts of all college/university course work; and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to Dr. Randall Currie, Weed Scientist, KSU Southwest Research-Extension Center, 4500 E. Mary St., Garden City, KS 67846-9132; or send electronic files to: jbaier@ksu.edu. Minority and female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply. Direct inquiries to 620-276-8286 ext 220 or rscurrie@ksu.edu.

More information:

Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers: <http://www.wkarc.org/>

SW Research-Extension Center: <http://www.wkarc.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=36>

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