

Position Announcement

Title: Assistant Scientist in Weed Science

Location: Agricultural Research Center-Hays
Kansas State University
Hays, Kansas

Responsibilities: Individual will conduct field and controlled-environment experiments in weed management to identify cost-effective options for control of glyphosate resistant weed species (emphasis on kochia) in field crops and fallow and develop Best Management Practices for improved broadleaf weed control (emphasis on Palmer amaranth) in cultivated sunflowers. Some field trials will be conducted off-station on grower fields thus requiring the individual to interact with growers and agribusiness retailers in addition to professional colleagues. Duties include designing, implementing, and maintaining research trials; application of agricultural pesticides; collecting, analyzing, and summarizing research data, writing reports and peer-reviewed journal manuscripts, speaking at field tours and presenting data at professional meetings; and performing related and unplanned tasks consistent with applied agricultural research. The successful candidate must pass a background check prior to offer of employment.

Qualifications: *Preferred:* Advanced degree in a pest management discipline with knowledge of crop protection and herbicide mode of action and use; knowledge or experience with mechanisms and inheritance of herbicide resistance in weeds; and knowledge of experimental plot techniques and statistical data analysis in addition to the following required qualifications.

Required: B.S. in agronomy, crop science, or closely related discipline plus five years experience in crop production or other plant-related discipline; knowledge of modern agricultural production practices; good interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently, interact with a multidisciplinary team of scientists, and work in a multi-cultural setting; good verbal and written communication skills in English, and; proficiency in the use of computers, word processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics software.

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience.

Benefits: Standard university non-classified personnel (faculty) benefits package.

Deadline: Screening of applications begins February 18, 2011 and continues until position is filled.

Term: One year appointment; renewable subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For further information, contact Dr. Phil Stahlman at 785-625-3425 ext 214 or by email at stahlman@ksu.edu or visit <http://www.wkarc.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=86>

Application: Submit letter of application electronically to stahlman@ksu.edu or by mail to the address below. Application should include 1) summary of experience and interests, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) academic transcripts from all institutions attended – photocopies acceptable, and 4) name, phone number, and e-mail address of three individuals familiar with your current professional abilities.

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