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A challenging and exciting Crop Research Career opportunity awaits you in the Peace River region. If a career in crop research and a chance to live in the beautiful Peace River region of British Columbia sounds intriguing, read on ...



Job Title: Research Technician

Brief Description of Duties & Activities: The association is responsible for approximately 5,000 to 6,000-field research-plots per year involving work with many of Western Canada's plant breeders and agri-businesses, in an effort to secure a viable agricultural industry for the future of the Peace River region. This position includes general responsibilities commonly needed to help conduct field research trials, such as: seed weighing and seed preparation, field site preparation, systematic planting

following specific designs and layouts, site maintenance, pulling off-types, weeding, plot sampling, plot assessments, plot harvest, post-harvest seed cleaning and analysis, data entry, minor equipment repairs and maintenance, as well as other related duties as deemed necessary. Keeping the research plots looking esthetically pleasing is a major component of the job in-season, but a willingness to gain a general understanding of field crop research will be necessary to conduct this position properly. The right candidate will receive higher levels of responsibility as experience is gained on the job. The successful incumbent needs to be able to work well both independently and in a team atmosphere.

Salary: Full-time, permanent, salaried position based on \$35,000-37,000/year (negotiable depending on qualifications and experience). A contract is renewed yearly via performance review. Position includes option for a full healthcare benefit package. Hours need be flexible during the growing season. Overtime handled through some paid time off during the slow period (January – March).

Qualifications:

- Able to plan and work independently and tolerate normal nuisances involved with agricultural work, such as dust related issues and be able to cope with long hours when needed in-season.
- Physically able to operate farm machinery, work outdoors, handle in-season overtime.
- Experience with farming methods and equipment a definite asset.
- Willingness to work and learn as well as show an interest in research.
- Hold a *valid & clean* driver's license and willingness to obtain Class 3 (truck & trailer combos).
- Capable of using a *standard transmission* would be a definite asset.

Location: Dawson Creek & Fort St. John, BC (stationed daily from the lab in Dawson Creek, BC).

Employer: B.C. Grain Producers Association (Visit www.bcgrain.com for more info on association).

Closing Date for Resumes: until position is filled on a first-come basis with the right qualifications.

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