

Job Description – Field Program Technician (term)

CANTERRA SEEDS is committed to sourcing genetically superior seed products that deliver agronomic and economic benefits for farmers, while meeting end-user needs. With a versatile portfolio of cereals, pulses, special crops, canola, and PRIDE Seeds corn, CANTERRA SEEDS seeks opportunities for mutual success in the agriculture industry.

Position Overview

The Field Program Technician will work to support the Field Program Agronomist in executing the CANTERRA SEEDS field research trials and seed product demonstration program. This position will be based out of CANTERRA SEEDS Winnipeg office and travelling will be required to various sites in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This position is a multitasking role which includes organization, field trial management, and hands on jobs ensuring high quality field research trials, data, and the success of field demonstration plots.

Responsibilities

- Assist with seed setup, seed packaging, envelope printing, and overall organization
- Driving required on daily bases to field sites to execute field operations
- Assist the Field Program Agronomist:
 - Site preparation (as required)
 - Seeding including operating small tractor and/or seeder/planter
 - Staking, labelling and/or signing of demonstration site locations, trials, plots, etc.
 - Plot maintenance including weed control, manual rogueing, general site maintenance
 - Plot harvest including operation of plot combine, bagging, as required
 - Post-harvest site cleanup
 - Submit progress reports in-season to Field Program Agronomist, as required
 - Operate field program equipment as needed, training to be provided
- Understanding of crop protection products (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides) is an asset
- Tracking, recording and maintenance of warehouse seed and field equipment inventories
- Harvest sample sorting, drying, organizing, and processing for grain quality data as required
- Operate seed lab equipment such as seed counter, scales, NIR, moisture meter, etc.
- Implement equipment and vehicle sanitation protocols
- Follow all corporate and workplace health and safety related guidelines and protocols
- Assist with other duties as assigned
- Driving: Pursue Class 3 learner license and when experience and training warrants obtain a class 3 license (optional)

Qualifications:

- Student of Diploma or B. Sc. Agriculture
- Farm background or experience with small plot trialing an asset, but not necessary
- Valid class-5 driver's license
- Comfortable to work independent, goal-oriented, and solution driven
- Ability to work additional hours during seeding and harvest operations
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to travel

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Surjit Bawa, Field Research Agronomist at s.bawa@canterra.com.