

Seasonal Irrigation Agronomy Research Technician – Horticulture

The Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation (ICDC) stimulates and services the development and expansion of sustainable irrigation in Saskatchewan. It researches and demonstrates profitable agronomic practices for irrigated crops, develops crop varieties suitable for irrigated conditions and provides information about its research to consumers, irrigation districts and the public. It works closely with both the provincial and federal governments at the Canada-Saskatchewan Irrigation Diversification Centre in Outlook, SK.

ICDC has an opening for a seasonal Irrigation Agronomy Research Technician.

The Irrigation Agronomy Research Technician works closely with ICDC team members to manage and maintain irrigation horticultural research trial plots. The research trials are to demonstrate potential crops with commercial irrigation potential. The successful applicant will be highly motivated and be able to quickly adapt to a rapidly evolving environment.

Job Responsibilities:

- Operate and maintain field plot equipment.
- Assist with field research activities, including seed procurement, site preparation, planting, plot maintenance and in-crop spraying, harvesting and processing of seed collected.
- Assist with the collection of agronomic data.
- Supervise seasonal staff.
- Assist with organizing and providing tours of field sites and extension activities.
- Ensure compliance with all corporate and government mandates related to conducting field trials and adherence to safety program.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A Diploma in Agriculture with a focus in agronomy, soils or crop science is required.
- Familiarity with irrigation systems, scheduling and production.
- Familiarity with conventional farm and small plot research equipment operation and maintenance.
- Self-motivation essential, the ability to recognize a required task (e.g. pesticide timing, selection and application) and initiate the activity.
- Demonstrated leadership, interpersonal, organization and communication skills, and a high level of attention to detail.
- A valid class 5 driver's license and hold or be willing to obtain a Pesticide Applicators license.
- Computer experience, with competency in Excel, Word and PowerPoint.
- The ability and desire to work outdoors and work longer hours during the spring planting and fall harvest seasons.
- The ability to take initiative and work independently and in a team environment.
- Experience in horticulture, agricultural research and a strong understanding of western Canadian agriculture and irrigation production is a preferred asset.
- Strong mechanical, technical, diagnostic and electronic skills are desired.
- The ability to prioritize work and complete tasks within established timelines

The position is based at the Canada-Saskatchewan Irrigation Diversification Centre, and while not a government position, the candidate must be successful in passing federal security screening and will be required to adhere to federal regulations. Starting salary will be commensurate with education and experience. The position will be for up to an 8-month term beginning April 3, 2017 or as mutually agreed.

Applications must be submitted, complete with résumé and cover letter, by March 24, 2017 to:

Attention: Administrator
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We thank all who apply; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.