

NEBRASKA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title: SEED TECHNICIAN

Department: SEED LAB/FIELD

Salary rate determined by experience and background

Position Overview

Conduct seed tests on samples in the NCIA seed laboratory, including purity's, germinating seedlings in standard, vigor and herbicide bioassay test, and other tests as assigned by the Laboratory Supervisor (.075 FTE). Do seed field inspections (0.25 FTE). This is a full time position located on East Campus; Lincoln, NE. NCIA is willing to train the person with preferred background. Benefits package includes health and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement program.

Essential Job Functions

- Prepare and test all laboratory samples in accordance with methodology outlined in AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds or other alternative methods.
- Conduct Germ, TZ, purity, and vigor tests on many species.
- Examine seed samples to identify other seed species, classifying inert matter, true vs. off-type varieties and measure physical characters.
- Review references for testing seed (AOSA, ISTA, & Canadian Rules)
- Maintain quality and confidentiality of customer and company information.
- Increase knowledge by participating in workshops, and professional seed association meetings
- Conduct seed field inspections
- Promote good work habits, promote a positive work place and ensure customer service
- Assist in other programs offered by NCIA

Minimum Qualifications and Skills

- Associate degree in agriculture, biological sciences, or a related field of study, or two years of experience in a laboratory setting
- Must have excellent communication skills, be organized, with good work habits
- Must be organized, responsible, have good work habits and promote a positive work environment
- Must be able to lift 15-20 pounds, able to sit, stand for long periods, and walk long distances
- Must be comfortable working occasionally with chemicals, herbicides and seed treatments
- Must have computer abilities to use Microsoft Office applications and others used by NCIA.
- Must be able to obtain certification as a Registered Seed Technologist after a reasonable amount of training

Preferred Qualifications and Skills

- Bachelors degree in agriculture, biological sciences, or a related field of study, and two years of experience in a laboratory setting
- Registered Seed Technologist or Certified Seed Analyst
- Ability to walk long distances for the purpose of field inspections

How to Apply

- Submit cover letter, resume, and at least three references to: Search Committee Chair, Nebraska Crop Improvement Association, P.O. Box 830911, Lincoln, NE 68583-0911. Resume review will begin on 5/01/2018.