

LAB & FIELD TECHNICIAN: SEED ENHANCEMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Job title: Biological Science Technician (Botany)

Series/Grade: GS - 04/05/06

Start date: April/May 2021 (flexible)

Position length: Apr/May 2022-Nov 2022 (flexible)

Location: Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center – Burns, OR

Number of positions: 2

Duties: The technician will assist Agricultural Research Service scientists run laboratory, greenhouse and field experiments. The focus will be on development and testing of seed enhancement technologies aimed at overcoming barriers to establishment for native sagebrush steppe species. The majority of work (70%) will be focused on lab and grow room experiments; however, there will be some field work (30%). Responsibilities for this position include installing experiments, monitoring studies, botanical data collection, data entry, and assisting with data summaries/reporting.

Requirements: Undergraduate studies in range, botany, soils, agriculture, or other natural resource fields preferred; those with related experience or education will be considered. The technician must be at least 17 years of age, be a citizen of the United States of America, have a valid state motor vehicle operator's license, be able to operate motor vehicles and be able to lift objects that weigh up to 50 pounds. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination or exemption form required prior to hiring.

Minimum Qualifications (GS-4): 6 months of general AND 6 months of specialized experience; OR successful completion of 2 years of post-high school study that included at least 12 semester hours in any combination of courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture or mathematics of which 6 semester hours of courses relate directly to the duties of the position (plant biology, range/ecology, or natural resource management). General experience: Must have demonstrated the ability to perform the work of the position or provided a familiarity with the subject matter. Specialized experience: Must have been at least equivalent to the GS-04 grade level in the Federal Service.

Preferences: previous experience with seed and seedlings in a lab, greenhouse, or outdoor setting; ability to work independently, prioritize tasks and exercise time management; field or lab experience conducting research activities in sagebrush ecosystems and knowledge of common plant species; possess strong organizational and communication skills.

Salary: \$15.47- \$19.29 per hour depending on experience and/or education. Workweek is typically 40 hours, but some longer weeks and/or weekends may be required. Housing will be provided at the research station at no charge.



To Apply: Email Roxanne Rios (roxanne.rios@oregonstate.edu cc:roxanne.rios@usda.gov) by February 15, 2022 with "Bio Sci Tech" in the subject line. Email should include: cover letter, resume, two references, unofficial college transcripts and the Declaration of Federal Employment (https://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf). For privacy purposes, leave number 2 blank on the OFO306 form. List any pertinent classes in rangeland science, botany, soils, natural resources, agronomy, etc. Applications that go to only one email address will not be considered.

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