

RURAL AGRI-INNOVATION NETWORK (RAIN) RESEARCH TECHNICIAN

The Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, in cooperation with NORDIK Institute, is seeking a qualified individual to work within the Rural Agri-Innovation Network. Reporting to the RAIN Research Project Coordinator, the candidate will work in partnership with Algoma agricultural producers, agri-business owners, agricultural researchers and other project collaborators. The Research Technician will also receive scientific and technical advice from a RAIN Research Steering Committee. This is a full time 6-month contract with RAIN.

Responsibilities:

- Operating and maintaining crop research equipment and facilities.
- Establishing and coordinating grower cooperator trials.
- Training growers for undertaking replicated field trials for crop assessment.
- Supervision of research assistants, interns and/or students as required.
- Establishing communications, collaboration and information exchange among research organizations and producers.
- Ensuring results from trials are reported in a timely manner and that knowledge is transferred to producers and clients.
- Identifying and developing funding opportunities to carry out research trials.
- Assisting growers with access to weather, crop pest and other agronomic information through monitoring local conditions and providing access to on-line and hard copy information.

Additional Qualifications:

- Candidates must have a B.Sc., or M.Sc. in agriculture or a related field or a college diploma plus at least 3 years' experience in undertaking and reporting agricultural research.
- Training and experience in the design, planning, establishment and reporting of crop trials is essential.
- The candidate must be experienced in the operation of farm equipment, have a valid driver's license and access to a personal vehicle.
- The candidate must have excellent self-motivation, team and personnel management abilities, organizational and oral/written communication skills and can work with little supervision.
- The candidate should hold or be willing to obtain first aid certification, and the Grower Pesticide Safety Course

Salary:

This is a 6-month position until the end of December 2017. Salary to be based on skills and experience and is negotiable.

Location of work:

Sault Ste. Marie with a requirement to travel in Algoma District during crop trial activity.

How to Apply:

Applicants must apply by 5 p.m. Friday June 30, 2017. Tentative start date is July 17, 2017.

A cover letter and resume must be emailed to: careers@ssmic.com, and include "RAIN Research Tech" in the email subject line.

Any questions regarding the position can be directed to:

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