



Greenhouse Assistant

AgraQuest is seeking a part-time (10-20 hours per week) Greenhouse Assistant to help propagate vegetable crops used for research. The position will primarily be responsible for assisting the Greenhouse Manager with crop production, consisting of: watering crops (weekdays and occasionally on weekends), planting seeds, thinning seedlings, preparing growing media, inventorying crops, assessing crop development, scouting for pests, and driving the company truck to off-site greenhouses for delivery or pickup of plants.

The Greenhouse Assistant will also periodically help the Plant Pathology lab with experiments, including tasks such as treating plants with pesticides and biologically-based treatments, and assessing plant disease development. The successful candidate should be interested in horticulture, self-motivated, work well in both independent and group settings, quickly adapt to changing situations and possess a willingness to learn.

Essential Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Insect scouting
- Irrigating crops
- Planting seeds, thinning and transplanting seedlings
- Preparing media and fertilizer
- Occasional weekend work required
- Assessing crop development
- Driving large work truck, delivering crops to and from off-site greenhouses
- Washing flats, pots, and other greenhouse equipment as needed
- Periodic work for the Plant Pathology Lab which may include applying chemical treatments to plants used in research and assessing disease development.
- Supports Company's position of preventing harassment
- Treats co-workers with respect and dignity
- Abides by all safety policies

Educational Requirements and Job Experience:

- AA degree from a Community College **or** 1-2 years of coursework from a university or four-year college
- Some coursework in horticulture, botany, landscape design, or other plant-related field at a community college or university level.
- 1 - 2 years of laboratory and/or greenhouse experience is preferred, but not required.

Knowledge/Skills/Abilities Preferred:

- An interest in horticulture, plant pathology and biological control and low-chemical pest management solutions.
- Maturity, self-motivation, and willingness to work as part of a team.
- Strong organizational, problem solving, and time-management skills
- Maintain accurate records.
- Flexible and quick to learn new concepts.
- Ability to multi-task and work in a fast paced environment

- Effectively organize, prioritize and follow-up on work assignments.

- Work independently and as a member of a team.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- Basic knowledge of plant biology and horticulture
- Knowledge of general laboratory practices and procedures is preferred.
- Basic mathematic principles
- Microsoft suite of programs including, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook

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