UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT (Repost)

Title: Agricultural Technician Lead

Position Number: 103060

Category Status: Nonexempt, Regular Applicant Search Category: Staff

Unit: AGNR-AES-CMREC-BARC (12000 Beaver Dam Road, Laurel, MD 20708)

Position Summary/Purpose of Position:

Will assist Manager in the day-to-day operations of the facility and will be responsible for maintenance of farm and specialized agricultural research equipment. Work with manager to coordinate activities for researchers and others performing research and extension activities at the facility. Carry out field work; tilling, planting, fertilizing, spraying, harvesting for traditional and non-traditional agricultural crops and research plots.

Minimum Qualifications:

Required-

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Three years' experience with agricultural research.
- Valid Maryland Noncommercial Class C or equivalent driver's license.
- Maryland Commercial Driver's License (CDL) required or obtained within six (6) months of employment.
- Maryland Public Agency Applicator's Certification required or obtained within eighteen (18) months of employment.

Preferences-

 Additional related agricultural experience and formal education that has provided knowledge, skills and abilities required for full performance of the work of the job class may be substituted on a year-for-year basis with 30 college credits being equivalent to one year of experience.

Additional Information:

- General knowledge and understanding of basic agricultural procedures, conservation practices, entomological problems, research protocols and basic field plot design.
- Knowledge of nutrient management regulations
- Ability to handle small and large-scale farm equipment; must possess some degree of mechanical and carpentry skills; must possess skills to calculate and calibrate sprayers, fertilizer spreaders, planters and harvesting equipment; and the skills to operate agricultural equipment and computerized yield measurement equipment and GPS.
- Must have knowledge of EPA regulations for biotech crops and the ability to interpret & follow requirements/restrictions on research plots.
- Must have good communications skills, both written and oral and be able to interact with staff, researchers, vendors, general public and others.

Background Checks:

Offers of employment are contingent on completion of a background check. Information reported by the background check will not automatically disqualify you from employment.

Physical Demands: Heavy lifting, extreme weather conditions, hazardous materials, working environment may have allergens (i.e., dust, mold, grasses, etc.). Must wear and work in personal protection clothing.

Salary and Benefits: Salary will commensurate with experience, with base salary of \$43,404 per year.

Applications: All Interested persons must submit their application via our website: https://ejobs.umd.edu (Position 103060). For specific information, please contact Kevin Conover, Facility Manager at 301-226-7448.

Closing Date: Applications accepted through March 22, 2024.

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