



Research Technician

The McGregor Company Research & Technology Division is the region's premier on-farm field based agricultural research program.

The McGregor Company serves growers in Washington, Idaho and Oregon with the seed, crop inputs, equipment, services, research and advice needed to raise healthy, sustainable crops. The Research & Technology Division at The McGregor Company provides our crop advisers and customers with innovative products, strategies and solutions that fit the unique needs of the PNW.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead all in-field efforts of field trial execution within the company's market area – Washington, northern Idaho, and northeastern Oregon under supervision of the Director of Research.
 - Responsible for physically planting, applying treatments, herbicide applications, harvesting or research plots
 - Coordinate timing of field access with off-site cooperators
 - Supervise and conduct in-field data collection ensuring accuracy, quality, timeliness, and distribution of collected data (soil & tissue sampling, disease screening & testing, drone imaging & in-season imaging)
- Research Station supervisor
 - The McGregor Company's Research Station is 300 acres nestled in the rolling hills of the Palouse Region, just east of Colfax WA. Additional research is conducted off-site in over 20 locations each year.
 - Responsible for farm maintenance in and around research plots
 - Ensure plot maintenance is adequate for high quality and accurate data collection
 - Requires knowledge of various field chemistries, farming methods, plant diseases, and weed identification
- Equipment maintenance, repair, and fabrication
 - Keep all equipment in excellent working condition, striving for trouble-free operation
 - Perform routine maintenance and repairs on all field and research equipment
 - Be willing to consider fabricating parts or make adjustments to equipment to extend its life and/or functionality

REQUIREMENTS:

- 2-year related degree preferred or equivalent work experience
- 3+ years' experience in agricultural-based retail, agriculture sales, or production agriculture
- Field based agricultural research experience preferred
- Equipment maintenance and mechanical aptitude required
- Computer skills required for record keeping and execution of research experiments
- Must work well independently, but effectively communicate with the team
- Basic GIS skills helpful. Our team works closely with the Precision Services Div. (GIS topics are relevant & frequent)
- Ability to learn new skills, take on new tasks, and ask questions; conduct responsibilities with honesty and integrity

POSITION DETAILS:

- Position is based in Colfax, WA at the Research & Technology Division office
- Position reports to the Director of Research
- Full-Time, Salary (40 hrs/wk); extended hours during peak seasons
- Full benefit package (medical, dental, vision, 401k, vacation, life insurance, + more)
- Valid driver's license required; ability to travel in our market area 20-30% of the time; pool vehicle is provided
- Full shop and tools provided; ability to lift over 50 lbs
- State commercial pesticide applicator license required, or ability to obtain w/in a specified time frame
- Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) or ability to obtain certification
- This is a Drug Free Workplace