

Scientific Assistant in Spring Wheat Breeding at Washington State University, Pullman WA



Position Summary:

The Spring Wheat Breeding and Genetics project at Washington State University is recruiting a motivated professional to manage the field-based component of an integrated research program focused on spring wheat genetics and variety development.

Contact: For application information, please visit the WSU Human Resource Services website www.wsujobs.com and search postings for full time positions in "03 Crop & Soil Sciences". Contact Dr. Mike Pumphrey, Assistant Professor and Spring Wheat Breeder, m.pumphrey@wsu.edu, 509-335-0509 for additional information.

Position Details: The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Washington State University, has a strong tradition in wheat improvement. The spring wheat program is well supported and equipped to sustain a world-class wheat breeding effort. The incumbent is expected to work with minimal supervision to design and manage preparation, planting, data collection, harvest and processing of wheat breeding yield trials and assume responsibility for field evaluations of early generation breeding materials. Incumbent will analyze research results with appropriate statistical methods and summarize results in publication-quality form.

Additional essential responsibilities include maintenance of an accurate and current database and seed inventory system and supervision of undergraduate workers.

Minimum Required Qualifications: B.S. degree in Agronomy or related field and three (3) years of progressively responsible related professional research experience. Any combination of relevant education and experience may be substituted for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis. A Master's degree in an appropriate related scientific discipline may be substituted for up to one year of the required work experience. Demonstrated ability to coordinate and facilitate work activities in a timely and efficient manner. Demonstrated ability to operate a personal computer, and essential software including word processing, spreadsheet, and database applications. Must possess, or be able to obtain, a valid driver's license at time of hire. Must possess valid EPA Worker Protection Standard certification. Must possess valid Pesticide Applicator certification within 6 months of hire.

Anticipated Salary Range: \$2,750-3,750/month, dependent on qualifications and work experience. Full-time, 12 month temporary position renewable based on satisfactory performance and continued availability of funds.

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