



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you love blueberries? For more than 35 years, **Fall Creek Farm & Nursery**® has cultivated exceptional blueberry plants for customers all over the globe. We propagate, grow, sell, and ship millions of plants every single year. Our products are second to none, in part, because we have high standards, superb growing conditions, and most importantly, good people.

Our vision: To be the premier provider of select plants and solutions that improve the health of humanity.

If this sounds like a company that you want to be a part of, we have an immediate opening for a Media Prep/Research Technician.

Media Prep/Research Technician

POSITION SUMMARY

This position will primarily perform functions in the media preparation area which requires a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail. Additional duties include performing research experiments and tracking data regarding plant performance under varying conditions.

ORGANIZATIONAL FIT

Position directly reports to the Lab Manager and may take direction and instruction from lead staff. Works closely with other lab employees. May work with other departments in the nursery.

RESPONSIBILITIES (Other duties may be assigned)

- Prepare culture media exactly to defined protocols and schedules while monitor prepared media for contamination watching for small deviations in culture performance.
- Use good laboratory practices for safely measuring and handling chemicals.
- Setup research experiments and record observations and final results.
- Perform work required to start experiments in laminar flow hood.
- Update plant handling protocols based on research results.
- Work around hot equipment (hot plates, autoclave).
- Use sterile technique to pour media into sterile containers.
- Maintain clean work areas and equipment in good working order based on maintenance and cleaning schedules.
- Maintains accurate inventory of available supplies and prepared media. Assists with monitoring supply levels.
- Operates equipment including digital scales, balances, pH and conductivity meters and autoclaves.
- Perform work in a safe and efficient manner following and ensuring strict safety procedures and safety checks.
- Cross train with other positions in the lab.

REQUIRED EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND TRAINING

1. Typically requires some college education with courses in math, science and chemistry.
2. High attention to detail- the ability to observe small deviations.
3. Must be able to read and follow detailed instructions, directions, recipes and protocols in English.
4. Strong math skills, preferably at the algebra level.
5. Highly organized in handling materials, equipment and supplies.
6. Ability to work in a clean environment with limited access to the outdoors.
7. Basic computer skills for data entry and printing reports.
8. Self-directed and capable of prioritizing daily work according to a schedule.
9. Ability to interact effectively with a wide spectrum of people.
10. Position requires regular attendance at the primary place of business.
11. Must demonstrate professional and ethical business practices, adherence to company values, and a commitment to personal and professional development.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bachelor's degree in biological sciences.
2. Experience working in a biology laboratory setting.
3. History of designing, recording and analyzing experimental data.
4. Experience using statistical software (R, DesignExpert).
5. Knowledge of laboratory terminology and equipment.
6. Familiarity with weighing and measuring in a laboratory setting.

TO APPLY

For immediate, confidential consideration, please send cover letter and resume to:

fallcreekhr@fallcreeknursery.com

Fall Creek Farm & Nursery® offers a competitive salary and benefit package which includes health, vision, and dental insurance, paid time off, bonus and profit sharing plan. This position requires an executed confidentiality and non-solicitation agreement upon hire. Employment offers are contingent on meeting our background and reference check standards.

Fall Creek Farm & Nursery® is located just outside of Eugene in a beautiful country setting. We have been serving the needs of commercial fruit growers, nursery stock growers and garden centers throughout the world since 1978. Please visit us at www.fallcreeknursery.com EOE