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Popcorn Breeding Research Technician

Ag Alumni Seed is seeking a hard-working and motivated applicant to join our popcorn breeding research department in Romney, Indiana. Research technicians operate in a tight-knit team with plant breeders and support staff to advance all aspects of the popcorn breeding program in both the field and lab.

Duties Include:

- Engaging in computer data input and analysis as directed
- Shelling, treating, organizing, and inventorying seed and seed packets
- Collecting yield trial agronomic data and aiding in note taking and selections
- Working with breeders to prepare, organize, and plant all breeding nurseries and yield trials
- Participating in manual plant pollination at breeding nurseries and seed production fields
- Roguing, row banding, and maintaining field conditions in all plots
- Mechanically and manually harvesting ears from breeding nurseries and yield trial locations
- Conditioning, cleaning, and shelling yield trial research material
- Preparing and collecting qualitative and quantitative popping data in a test kitchen
- Operation, transportation, and preventative maintenance of field equipment
- Maintaining clean, safe, and fully-operational research facilities
- Performing pest management to reduce insect damage and ensure safe seed stocks
- Training, supervising, and leading part-time and seasonal employees
- Sampling production seed for quality assurance purposes
- Other duties and responsibilities as directed

Requirements:

- An associate's or bachelor's degree
- Previous experience in plant breeding or seed production and the operation of agricultural machinery is desired
- Strong work ethic, leadership abilities, and good attention to detail
- Willingness to work in adverse weather conditions including high heat, sun, wind, and rain
- Good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work in a diverse team
- Ability to lift loads up to 50 pounds on occasion
- Ability to obtain a CDL and pesticide applicator's license within 6 months of hiring
- Proficiency in MS office and ability to learn specialized software and hardware as needed
- Basic level of Spanish is beneficial

Schedule and Benefits:

This is a full-time, year-round position. Primary work hours run from 7:30 to 4:00, Monday through Friday. Work hours will extend into weekends and evenings during peak seasons.

Employees will have access to competitive wages, health insurance, and a 401K retirement plan.

How to Apply:

Applicants should send an email describing their interest in the position, along with an attached cover letter and copy of their resume to ResearchJobs@agalumniseed.com.