



Temporary Position Available

Title: Farm Laborer
Date Posted: May 22, 2020
Wage: \$15/hour, benefits not available
Hours: Approx. 30 hrs/week. Work schedule may fluctuate with project needs.

Line of Responsibility:

Reports to the WSU Puyallup Small Fruit Plant Breeding Staff and Faculty

Location:

Working location is based at 2606 W Pioneer Ave., Puyallup WA 98371 and at WSU Goss Farm, 15403 Bowman Hilton Rd E, Puyallup, WA 98372.

General Description and Responsibilities:

Small Fruit Plant Breeding develops strawberry and raspberry cultivars adapted to the Pacific Northwest and with excellent fruit quality for processed and fresh applications. Additionally, the program studies cultivars, selections, and germplasm for traits of interest.

The farm laborer performs tasks of plant propagation, soil preparation, weeding, tilling, planting, mowing and pruning. Some equipment maintenance and organization will be required. Activities will be conducted in Puyallup.

Primary Duties:

The farm laborer may be involved in a wide variety of tasks, however, the main duties include:

- Crop management, including weeding, pruning, trellising, and mowing
- Field trial preparation and plant propagation
- Berry harvest and handling
- Soil work, including tilling and seeding.
- Equipment maintenance and inventory

Position Specific Minimum Qualifications:

- 1) Demonstrated experience with plant systems and farming activities.
- 2) Ability to communicate proficiently using oral, written and listening skills.
- 3) Demonstrated ability to work effectively as a team member, work independently and be self-motivated.
- 4) Willingness to be present in work environment using social distancing and sanitation measures, and complete training in workplace guidelines for COVID-19.

Job Expectations:

- Keep accurate, detailed records, complete timely reports, and communicate daily with the Program Lead and Farm manager.
- Work flexible hours that may include some evenings.
- Ability to interact appropriately with a variety of individuals.
- Ability to complete assigned tasks independently and without direct supervision.
- Good vision required, including close- and distance-vision, and the ability to adjust focus and distinguish colors.
- Ability to continually learn and readily adjust to rapid and unexpected changes in tasks.

- Ability to prioritize and arrange job assignments.
- This position requires active fieldwork. Long hours outdoors in adverse weather conditions will be required. This position requires the ability to perform medium to heavy lifting, stooping, kneeling, and walking.
- Employees must have current automobile liability insurance (meeting the requirements described in RCW 46.30.020 and RCW 46.29.090), be at least 18 years of age, and have a valid driver's license and two years' driving experience.

Application:

Apply by submitting a brief letter describing how your experience and training support the major responsibility and qualifications for the position. Screening applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position has been filled.

Send application materials (email preferred) to Wendy Hoashi-Erhardt, 2606 W Pioneer, Puyallup WA 98371. Phone 253.445.4641 or email wkhe@wsu.edu.

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