

Entomology Research Technician



Department: Research

Job Status: Full Time

Job Type: Regular/Exempt

Reports To:

Grade/Level: Research Technician

Amount of Travel Required: <10%

SUMMARY

Genective, a JV between two leading global seeds companies, Limagrain and KWS, focuses on the discovery and development of insecticidal genes to support deregulation and commercialization of biotech corn traits. We are seeking a Research Technician to join our growing team in the U.S. This position is part of the In-Planta Entomology (IPE) team and is focused on supporting both insect rearing operations as well as evaluation of insecticidal protein expressed in plants. The primary working location will be at Genective's Research Station in Weldon, IL with occasional work at the headquarters in Champaign, IL.

THE POSITION

This position is focused on helping to raise relevant corn insect pests and assist in the deployment of greenhouse studies for insect efficacy as well as seed increases. The position has the following responsibilities:

- Assist in all aspects of lepidopteran and coleopteran insect rearing. This requires attention to detail and the ability to work independently utilizing standard operating procedures (SOPs) to maintain the insect populations under strict quarantine.
- Assist in all aspects of greenhouse research trials including seeding, potting, transplanting, data collection, watering, and cleaning after trial termination
- Participate and contribute to the deployment of R&D construct selection insect efficacy trials in the field for coleopteran and lepidopteran pests
- Additional responsibilities as requested by the Head of IPE

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Experience and knowledge of following work instructions/ standard operating procedures
- Experience in biology, entomology, horticulture, or other relevant trades that demonstrate ability to work with insects and or plant material
- Ability to work in a greenhouse environment for extended periods of time
- Ability to get along with others and be part of a team

THE REWARD

Competitive base salary, bonus, 401(K), medical, dental, vision, FSA for health care and dependent care, short-term disability, long-term disability, basic and voluntary life insurance, and AD&D insurance plans, EAP, paid holiday, sick time, vacation, and parental leave, as well as support programs for company car, fitness, education, and employee referral. Plus, fun and satisfaction working in a high trust, high empowerment, high impact, entrepreneurial environment with a close-knit team.

THE ORGANIZATION

About Genective

Genective is a 50/50 joint venture established between Limagrain and KWS, two of the world's largest seed companies. With entities and activities in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia, Genective is currently dedicated to the research, development, and commercialization of transgenic traits for corn.

About Limagrain

As the fourth largest seed company worldwide, Limagrain's mission is to move agriculture forward to meet global food related challenges. Limagrain is a cooperative group founded and managed by French farmers. Its parent company, Coopérative Limagrain, brings together nearly 2,000 farmers located in the center of France. The Group creates, produces and distributes field seeds, vegetable seeds and cereal products. Limagrain is present in 56 countries and has more than 10,000 employees. It makes nearly 2.5 billion Euros of sales with recognized brands on their markets: LG, Vilmorin, Hazera, Harris Moran, Jacquet, Brossard.

About KWS

KWS is one of the world's leading plant breeding companies. In the fiscal year 2017/18 more than 5,000 employees in 70 countries generated net sales of EUR 1,068 million and earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of EUR 133 million. A company with a tradition of family ownership, KWS has operated independently for more than 160 years. It focuses on plant breeding and the production and sale of seed for corn, sugarbeet, cereals, rapeseed, sunflowers and vegetables. KWS uses leading-edge plant breeding methods to increase farmers' yields and to improve resistance to diseases, pests and abiotic stress. To that end, the company invested approximately EUR 200 million last fiscal year in research and development.

HOW TO APPLY

If interested, please send your cover letter and resume to resumes@genective.com.