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**Laboratory Research Assistant II**

**Hiring department** [Intb-PI-Juenger](http://www.biosci.utexas.edu/ib/faculty/juenger.htm)

**Monthly salary** $2,166+ depending on qualifications

**Hours per week** 40.00 Variable

**Posting number** 16-01-21-04-4481

**Job Status** Open

**FLSA status** Non-exempt

**Earliest Start Date** Immediately

**Position Duration** Funding expected to continue

**Position open to** all applicants

**Location** Texas, not Austin

**Number of vacancies** 1

**General Notes**

Position will end six months after initial start date. Position is renewable contingent on work performance and continued funding. The position is located at the USDA Plant Materials Center, Kingsville, TX, with the site collaborator, John Reilley (PMC Manager).

**Required Application Materials**

* A Resume is required in order to apply
* A Letter of Interest is required in order to apply.
* A List of 2 References is required in order to apply.

**Additional Information**

**Purpose**

The Research Assistant will work on experiments studying switchgrass ecology, physiology and genomics.

**Essential Functions**

Assist in the establishment, maintenance, and completion of switchgrass field experiments. Assist in the collection, processing, and analysis of plant samples harvested from field experiments. Utilize a variety of scientific instruments to collect data from field experiments. Lab processing of fields samples and greenhouse work.

**Licenses:** Class "C" Operator's Driver's License. Applicant selected must provide a current three year Driving Record from the current state of residence. If not currently a Texas resident, must obtain a Texas Driver's License within 30 days after entering Texas as a new resident.

**Marginal/Incidental functions**

Other related functions as assigned, including assisting in other experiments conducted by collaborating researchers. General lab tasks and routine equipment maintenance.

**Required qualifications**

High school graduation or GED. This position requires an independent, organized, and motivated individual with demonstrated research skills. Six months to a year of experience in a related field. Class C Operators Drivers License. Applicant selected must provide a current three-year Driving Record from their current state of residence. If not currently a resident of Texas, must obtain a Texas State Drivers License within 30 days after entering Texas as a new resident. Equivalent combination of relevant education and experience may be substituted as appropriate.

**Preferred Qualifications**

BA or BS in ecology, biology, agronomy, or other related field and previous experience with field research. Experience in plant propagation, field plot establishment and maintenance, plant physiological measurements, such as leaf gas exchange, light interception, tissue characterization, and sample preparation for nutrient analysis are preferred skills. Familiarity with data logger programming and operation is also desirable.

**Working conditions**

May work in all weather conditions May work in extreme temperatures May work around standard office conditions May work around chemicals Repetitive use of a keyboard at a workstation Use of manual dexterity Climbing of stairs Climbing of ladders Lifting and moving

A criminal history background check will be required for finalist(s) under consideration for this position.

The retirement plan for this position is Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), subject to the position being at least 20 hours per week and at least 135 days in length.

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