Position Announcement
Research Specialist / Research Station Manager

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC)
Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station

Duties: The Research Specialist position provides leadership in management, research, and outreach coordination for research and education programs at the OARDC Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station located in Kingsville, Ohio. Duties include implementation of independent field research on wine grapes and/or other crops of importance in Northeastern Ohio; writes grant proposals, conducts field based research, analyzes data, prepares summary reports and presents results at field days, workshops and other extension events; collaborates with investigators to conduct research projects at research station and commercial grower sites; provides advocacy information on behalf of the university to Ohio’s grape and wine industry; serves as research station manager – supervises/perform field operations tasks, including but not limited to tillage, plot layout, fertilization, pesticide application, trellis installation and maintenance, pruning, training and grape canopy management and pesticide application; hires, trains, and evaluates staff, supervises collection of data and samples, performs business functions including budget management, supply and equipment procurement and marketing crops; provides service to other research and extension investigators to maintain their research projects at the station; this is a non-tenure track position.

Required qualifications: Master’s degree in horticulture, crop science, plant pathology, or entomology or an equivalent combination of education and experience; extensive experience in wine grape production in a research environment; working knowledge of experimental design, statistical analysis, effective communication of research results through various media including written, power point, and public speaking; excellent oral and written communication skills to maintain positive interactions with internal and external customers; proficient in use of email, word, database, and web browser software; holds or ability to obtain commercial pesticide operator’s license.

Desired qualifications: Ph. D. in horticulture specialization in grapes or fruit crops or related field of study; farm machinery operation and repair; two years of supervisory experience.

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Deadline to apply: September 20, 2015 or until suitable candidate is hired.
Successful completion of a background check is required. “The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.”