



Career Opportunity: Research Director Alfalfa Seed Commission

The Alfalfa Seed Commission is a farmer directed progressive organization headquartered in Brooks, Alberta, with membership from Peace River south to the American border. The main purpose is to initiate and promote activities that enhance the viability of the alfalfa seed and leafcutter bee industries. The commission operates under the authority of the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council.

Job Purpose:

Under the direction and with the assistance of the Board of Directors: Manage, coordinate, and carry-out research for the improvement of the alfalfa seed industry in Alberta. By staying current in the industry we can educate the producer on the best management of seed production.

Major Job Duties:

- Extension of information, quarterly membership newsletter
- Applications for grants and applied research proposals
- Coordination and potentially implementing applied research
- Stay current with the industry needs, stakeholders, and researchers
- Chemical company connection and keep current business relationship with PPMUC
- Communicate and connect with the membership, as well as coordinate participating growers for research projects
- Some community and Ag for Life education and extension
- Monthly meetings and update reports presented to the board

Skills and Qualifications:

- Minimum 2 years post-secondary education preferred with preference given to those with field related degree or diploma and experience in agriculture
- Excellent computer skills with knowledge of word and spreadsheets
- Self-starter, highly motivated, independent worker, able to build interpersonal relationships easily, willing to learn, enjoys a variety of tasks throughout the year, attention to detail, outdoor work regardless of environmental conditions
- Valid drivers license and dependable vehicle (mileage compensated)
- Willing to locate to Brooks area or primarily work from the office base in Brooks

Other Information:

This placement will be short term 6 months employment with competitive salary, followed by an evaluation to discuss continuation of the position and terms.

Resumes and references to be submitted to The General Manager of the Alfalfa Seed Commission by April 17, 2022 email: manager@alfalfaseedab.com