

Research Associate Specialist (Plant Breeding)
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Job Title	Research Associate Specialist (Plant Breeding)
Department	East Baton Rouge Parish
Institution	LSU AgCenter Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Date Posted	Feb. 7, 2024
Application Deadline	Feb. 21, 2024
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Research Scientist/Associate
Academic Field(s)	Agricultural - General
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Work Location: The position will be primarily located in the School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences (SPESS), LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Position Description: The Louisiana State University Agricultural Center is inviting applications for the position of Research Associate of Plant Breeding in the School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences. This is a full-time, 12-month grant-funded position with an annual appointment based on availability of funding and satisfactory work performance.

Candidates are sought with the knowledge and expertise to support a research program that conducts a plant improvement program on oat and wheat. The candidate will also coordinate activities essential to coordination of the USDA International Oat Nursery, growing a summer nursery in Idaho, including packaging, obtaining phytosanitary certificates, and shipping the USDA International Oat Nursery (ION) to collaborators around the world. The candidate must communicate with collaborators of the ION and support the LSUAC wheat and oat breeding activities on a daily basis.

Qualification Requirements: A B.S. or M.S. in plant breeding or other closely related field of study is required. Good interpersonal skills and leadership abilities are required for working effectively with diverse professional and public audiences and cooperators. The candidate must be able to communicate effectively (orally and in writing) with diverse audiences including scientific peers, clientele, and agribusiness representatives. The candidate should be experienced in use of plant breeding equipment such as planters, combines, and sprayers.

The ability to multi-task and work in a team environment with research, teaching, and extension faculty representing other disciplines is critical.

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Salary and Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Current benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

Date Available: Upon completion of the selection process.

Application Deadline: February 21, 2024 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

Application Procedure: Qualified candidates must apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching a cover letter, current CV, a statement of professional interest and goals, official university transcripts, and three letters of reference. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

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Contact Information

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