

Research Associate Specialist (Agronomy/Plant  
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<b>Job Title</b>	Research Associate Specialist (Agronomy/Plant Pathology)
<b>Department</b>	Franklin Parish
<b>Institution</b>	LSU AgCenter Winnsboro, Louisiana
<b>Date Posted</b>	Sep. 25, 2024
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Oct. 10, 2024
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Research Scientist/Associate
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Agricultural - General
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#### POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(This is a grant funded non-tenure track position. Continuation of employment will be dependent on funding availability, job performance, and continued need for the appointment.)

**Work Location:** This position will be housed at the LSU AgCenter Macon Ridge Research Station in Winnsboro, Louisiana. Collaborative work will also be conducted at other LSU AgCenter Research Stations which include: Northeast, Dean Lee, Red River, Ben Hur, and other locations as necessary. Extensive travel to farms within Louisiana and professional meetings may be required.

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**Position Description:** The successful candidate will be responsible for planting and maintaining field research trials in corn, cotton, and grain sorghum. Responsibilities will include planting and pesticide applications in test plots, other maintenance of field plots, equipment calibration, data collection, and management of transient workers. Operation, maintenance, and repair of many different types of farm machinery specialized for planting, maintaining, and harvesting small plot research trials is required of the candidate. Additional responsibilities include data entry and data reporting. The candidate may also be expected to maintain greenhouse facilities while executing greenhouse experiments. Extensive insect, plant, and yield sampling may be required in some field trials. The candidate will also be responsible for helping maintain research plot records, pesticide applications, and inventory.

**Qualification Requirements:** The position requires a minimum B.S. in entomology, plant pathology, phytonematology, agronomy, weed science, plant sciences, biological sciences, agribusiness, or a closely related field. Knowledge and skills in operating, maintaining, and repairing farm equipment is preferred. Experienced and licensed in applying pesticides according to local guidelines is preferred. Advanced computer (Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, Adobe, database, statistics, etc.) and interpersonal written and oral communication skills are essential. Farming experience and/or field crop research experience is very desirable. Experience growing crop plants in a greenhouse setting is desirable. The successful candidate must have acceptable organizational skills. Experience with unmanned aerial vehicles and remote sensing is preferred.

**Salary and Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. 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.



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**Date Available:** Upon completion of the selection process.

**Application Deadline:** October 10th, 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 with detailed resume including educational and employment experience, official university transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and any other pertinent information. Letters of recommendation can be sent directly to:

Dr. Shelly Pate Kerns

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