

Instructor/Lab Coordinator
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Job Title	Instructor/Lab Coordinator
Department	East Baton Rouge Parish
Institution	LSU AgCenter Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Date Posted	Sep. 9, 2025
Application Deadline	Sep. 23, 2025
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Lecturer/Instructor
Academic Field(s)	Agricultural - General
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Job Description

Work Location:School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences, Louisiana State University
Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Position Description:The LSU AgCenter School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences (SPESS) seeks an instructor/laboratory coordinator for the LSU AgCenter Soil Testing and Plant Analysis Laboratory (STPAL). This position is a 12-month, non-tenure track appointment. The STPAL is located in M.B. Sturgis Hall on the LSU campus and provides a full range of fee-based soil and plant tissue diagnostic tests to the public as well as researchers and commercial entities. Research-based

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recommendations for homeowners and producers are made based on the results of soil tests. The laboratory coordinator of the LSU AgCenter STP AL is an instructor level position responsible for oversight and direction of STP AL activities. The incumbent will operate, maintain, and manage laboratory equipment, including inductively coupled plasma (ICP) spectrometers, CHN analyzers, pH robots, discrete analyzers, and autotitrators; train and supervise laboratory personnel, including two research/extension associates, civil service personnel, and student workers; ensure that proper safety, sample retention, and quality control protocols are followed and update these protocols as necessary; provide budgetary oversight; collaborate with faculty in SPSS to update fertilization recommendations and develop straightforward and accurate customer reports; coordinate communication with clientele; cooperate with AgCenter IT to update and maintain web-based customer interface; and order supplies and prepare reagents and standards. The laboratory coordinator will report directly to the director of the laboratory. For more information about the STPAL: <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/stpal>.

Qualification Requirements: M.S. in chemistry, environmental science, soil science, agronomy, or a closely related field. Experience in conducting soil fertility tests and operating instrumentation used in plant and tissue testing are desired. Course work or experience in chemistry or laboratory analysis and a strong background in analytical chemistry is preferred. A Ph.D. in chemistry, environmental science, soil science, agronomy, or a closely related field is preferred. Strong interpersonal and organizational skills and conscientious attention to detail are essential. Familiarity with a laboratory information management system such as Labworks is strongly desired.

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.

Date Available: Upon completion of the selection process.

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Contact Information

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