

Research Associate Specialist
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Job Title	Research Associate Specialist
Department	Iberville Parish
Institution	LSU AgCenter St. Gabriel, Louisiana
Date Posted	Oct. 16, 2025
Application Deadline	Dec. 31, 2025
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Research Scientist/Associate
Academic Field(s)	Agricultural - General
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POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Description

(This is a grant-funded, non-tenure track position through 01/01/2026. Funding must be available for any continuation of appointment.)

Work Location:LSU AgCenter, Audubon Sugar Institute, 3845 Highway, St. Gabriel, LA 70776.

Position Description:30% (Research) - The incumbent will be responsible for physical and chemical

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analyses of sugar factory product samples (juices, molasses, syrups, among others). He/she will also ensure that all equipment is properly maintained, that safety requirements are met and that supplies and chemicals are properly managed. The candidate will also be expected to ensure that all work is accurate and completed in a timely manner, and the results are reported in the appropriate format. The incumbent will also be responsible for the chemical and equipment inventory of the analytical laboratory. He/she may be expected to perform quarterly laboratory safety inspections. 70% (Extension) - The incumbent will accompany visits to factories to take samples of sugar factory products and/or register operation variables as part of studies requested by the factories. He/she will also be responsible for the analysis of the samples. The candidate could be asked to make a written and/or poster presentation for select projects that will be communicated at the Factory Operations Seminar, American Sugar Cane Technologists meetings or select sugar conferences.

Qualification Requirements: A Bachelor's degree in Chemistry/Biochemistry/Biological/Agricultural Engineering/Chemical Engineering/Analytical Chemistry or closely related field, plus experience in chemical research or analyses. Experience with analytical methods used in sugar processing research. Proficiency with instruments such as refractometers, spectrophotometers, and High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is preferable. Knowledge of statistics and coding is a plus.

LSU and the AgCenter are dedicated to fostering an environment where our employees feel appreciated for their skills and individual qualifications. If a candidate does not meet the minimum qualifications listed but has other qualifications or substantial experience related to the key responsibilities, we encourage them to apply (La RS 42:36).

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.

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Date Available: Upon completion of the selection process.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2025 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

Application Procedure: Apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching files containing a letter of application, curriculum vita, official university transcripts, and three letters of reference. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

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