

Graduate Research Agronomist position based in Orange, NSW.

Westgate Labs Pty Ltd is one of Australia's only independent and Australian owned companies focused on agricultural research and development, specialising in turf, horticulture, and agriculture. With its own in house NATA accredited laboratory, Westgate Labs offers unparalleled precision and reliability in its research services. This commitment to excellence allows Westgate Labs to provide specialist knowledge and local expertise, enabling products to be tested and researched extensively in a wide range of environmental conditions across Australia.

With the continued growth of our company, we currently seek a Graduate Research Trials Agronomist to join our Orange laboratory in a full time capacity. The successful candidate will be responsible for performing a variety of specialised tasks both in a laboratory environment and in the field. This role would suit a self motivated, adaptive, and efficient individual with a genuine interest in the ag industry. The position involves developing the necessary skills and knowledge to conduct and manage field research trials.

Major Duties & Responsibilities:

- Under supervision you will be required to follow trial protocols and be involved in all aspects of trial management such as site selection, experimental design, setup, data collection and statistical analysis.
- Help with laboratory operations of some sample preparation and microscopic diagnostics.
- Perform plant diagnostic work and interpret results to external clients.
- Coordinate and schedule sample arrival/departure and preparation with clients.
- Report writing and statistical analysis for field trials.
- Communicate test results with clients and maintain a database of works conducted.
- When required, participate in other diagnostic services in the office and/or data gathering for field trial work as required.
- There will also be both local and interstate travel involved, so must be willing and flexible to travel.
- Analytical sampling of soil and water tests required.
- The position can/will change regularly with the nature of work required, so flexibility is a must.

Selection Criteria:

- Good general knowledge of local agriculture and the associated agronomy.
- Graduate level understanding of statistical analysis and data interpretation.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills and be a team player.
- Demonstrated ability to organise and prioritise tasks and perform multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Pride yourself on excellent attention to detail.
- Must thrive in a fast-paced entrepreneurial environment and work well in a team.
- Proficiency with scientific record-keeping such as data collection, laboratory notebooks and protocol development.
- Must be able to work autonomously and have an aptitude to learn new techniques.
- Current driver's licence.

Education & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree, Masters or PhD in Agricultural Science, Science or Biology disciplines related to our scope of work a must.
- Proficient and accurate computer skills (MS Word & Excel) for reporting and data entry.
- Working knowledge of statistical analysis and interpretation preferred.
- Knowledge of Fungicides/Herbicides/Insecticides is desirable.

Package:

- A generous salary/wage will be negotiated upon interview.

Please send your resume and cover letter to accounts@westgatelabs.com.au