WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
VITICULTURE TECHNICIAN

Western Kentucky University, Department of Agriculture, is seeking applicants for a Viticulture Technician. This position provides technical support for the WKU Viticulture Teaching and Research effort via vineyard establishment and seasonal maintenance, data collection and analysis, and marketing efforts.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:
The following duties are customary for this position, but are not to be construed as all-inclusive. Duties may be added, deleted and assigned based on management discretion and institutional needs.

- Vineyard maintenance and canopy management
- New vineyard establishment as deemed necessary by supervisor
- Data collection, data collation/organization, and statistical analysis
- Marketing of vineyard products
- Supervises undergraduate student assistants
- Maintains gardens, greenhouse, and flower beds adjacent to vineyard

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture or related discipline
  - Successful completion of formal coursework or workshops related to Viticulture or prior vineyard experience
  - Knowledge of vineyard site selection criteria, pruning techniques, and canopy management
  - Familiarity with tractors and other farm equipment
  - Ability to lift at least 50 lb.
  - Ability to organize and implement daily tasks
  - Ability to work in an outdoor environment during periods of hot weather

Desired/Preferred Qualifications:

- Familiarity with sprayer calibration and operation
- Knowledge of experimental design, spreadsheet software, and statistical analysis
- Supervisory experience

Salary Grade: 107 Expected Salary Range: $28,008.00 - $37,560.00 annually

Applications for employment will be accepted electronically only. Interested candidates must submit a cover letter, a current resume, three professional letters of reference, and the names, addresses and daytime phone numbers of three professional references using the online application process. Please refer to the following website to apply: http://asaweb.wku.edu/wkujobs For further assistance call (270) 745-5934. Please refer requisition number S2765. To ensure full consideration please submit application materials by October 25th, 2010. Position will remain open until filled.

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