



Saskatchewan Pulse Growers (SPG) is a development board for the dynamic and growing pulse crop industry. Accountable to, and funded by the over 15,000 pulse growers in the province, we provide leadership and work to create opportunities for profitable growth of the Saskatchewan pulse industry by investing in research, market development, communications, and agronomy extension. We are currently seeking someone to join our agronomy team for a 4 month term starting in May to help monitor pulse crops in Southern Saskatchewan for 2021 field season.

SUMMER FIELD AGRONOMIST

Based in Southern Saskatchewan, this role is an exciting opportunity for a motivated self-starter looking to build a future career in agronomy. If you have an interest to be in the field and working with agronomists and growers to monitor crop development and pest issues this may be a fit for you. If you are motivated to make a difference for farmers and have a drive to continue to expand your knowledge then we want to hear from you. The Summer Field Agronomist is responsible for monitoring and surveying pulse fields and programs in the region as well as representing SPG at field days and summer tours. Reporting to the Agronomy Manager, the Summer Field Agronomist's primary responsibilities will include:

- Monitoring chickpeas for development of chickpea health issue and obtaining samples and field histories as needed. Update chickpea health diagnostic team on regular basis of conditions and progress.
- Monitoring other pulse crops such as lentils, soybeans, fenugreek and dry beans through collaborations with agronomists and key growers to identify any emerging issues during the growing season. Participate in provincial or local surveys as needed.
- Collect a vast portfolio of photos and videos related to growing pulses; provide weekly social content on field progress (crop staging, pests present; crop health, weather), develop short video clips on various aspects of growing pulses
- Agronomy expertise: develop expertise on chickpea, soybean and lentil production through collaborations with local agronomists and growers. Learn how to scout for disease and what the symptoms look like. Develop portfolio of images to assist with future diagnostics.
- Represent SPG at extension activities such as field days and tours.

Qualifications include:

- Minimum 2-3 years completed of secondary Agriculture degree program or relevant science field; or minimum of 1 year completed for similar diploma programs.
- Farm background is considered an asset. Knowledge of Western Canadian agricultural practices is important.
- Great with people and excellent communication skills
- Experience surveying or scouting pulse fields is considered an asset and preferred
- Ability to work independently and remotely with minimal supervision
- Team player with ability to work with a range of partners including growers, agronomists and research staff.

- Willingness to be based out of Southern Saskatchewan with preference for South Central to South West regions.
- Valid driver's license with good driving record and ability to travel; your own vehicle, or reliable and consistent access to a vehicle is a must.

We offer a competitive salary and an innovative and positive work environment.

Please apply by emailing your resume, cover letter, and references to: cgore@saskpulse.com

Application deadline: March 15th, 2021

Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

Job-Type: Summer student/co-op 4 month term