

Department: Research Operations
Job Type: Student Research Assistant

Job Status: Part Time
Reports To: Head of Operations

SUMMARY

Genective, a JV between two leading global seeds companies, Limagrain and KWS, is looking for a Summer Student Research Assistant for our fast-growing team in the U.S. The primary working location at Genective's global headquarters in Champaign, IL, and travel to the research facility in Weldon, IL will also be required.

THE POSITION

Genective is seeking an individual for a multi-month summer student research assistant position at the Genective facilities in Champaign and Weldon Illinois. The role will begin after spring semester and continue 10 weeks. During the position term, the student will be exposed to industry-leading research in the development of plant protection products.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

With the supervision of the Genective staff, the student will contribute to the documentation and organization of biotechnology research tools across both Genective sites and will assist with QA document management.

- Enter asset details (manufacturer, model, serial number, cost to replace, etc.) into our asset management system. Prioritize assets according to asset classes.
- Work with asset users and equipment manufacturers to determine asset maintenance/calibration schedule and warranty information and input data into asset management system.
- Validate existing data in asset management system.
- Develop training materials for Genective personnel for adding and updating data in asset management system.
- Document key metrics as the project progresses.
- Organizing and filing QA documents and training records.
- General safety housekeeping checks at both sites.
- Other operational and quality assurance tasks as needed.
- Other research tasks as needed.

Duties and responsibilities may be revised as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

This position is open to undergraduate and graduate students who have a strong interest in Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Genetics, Quality Management, or are majoring in a related field. Students must be in good academic standing.

- Computer skills needed: MS Office Suite
- Familiarity with laboratory equipment is beneficial but not required
- Productive working independently and as part of a group
- Ability to communicate effectively with the Genective team
- Highest level of confidentiality, professionalism, and respect for co-workers
- Superior communication and organizational skills with an exceptional attention to detail
- Must be able to work a minimum of 10 hours per week if also attending classes and up to 20 hours per week during the summer months
- Flexible start and finish dates will be offered as required to complete tasks
- Transportation to the Genective research station in Weldon IL is required and will be the responsibility of the student.

THE REWARD

This position will be paid at a competitive rate. Plus, fun and satisfaction from working in a high trust, high empowerment, high impact, entrepreneurial environment with a close-knit team.

THE ORGANIZATION

About Genective

Genective is a 50/50 joint venture between Limagrain and KWS, two of the world's largest seed companies. With entities and activities in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia, Genective is dedicated to the research, development, and commercialization of transgenic traits. For more information, visit <http://genective.com> and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/genective>.

About Limagrain

As the fourth largest seed company worldwide, Limagrain's mission is to move agriculture forward to meet global food related challenges. Limagrain is a cooperative group founded and managed by French farmers. Its parent company, Coopérative Limagrain, brings together nearly 2,000 farmers located in the center of France. The Group creates, produces and distributes field seeds, vegetable seeds and cereal products. Limagrain is present in 56 countries and has more than 10,000 employees. It makes nearly 2.5 billion Euros of sales with recognized brands on their markets: LG, Vilmorin, Hazera, Harris Moran, Jacquet, Brossard.

About KWS

KWS is one of the world's leading plant breeding companies. In the fiscal year 2017/18 more than 5,000 employees in 70 countries generated net sales of EUR 1,068 million and earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of EUR 133 million. A company with a tradition of family ownership, KWS has operated independently for more than 160 years. It focuses on plant breeding and the production and sale of seed for corn, sugarbeet, cereals, rapeseed, sunflowers and vegetables. KWS uses leading-edge plant breeding methods to increase farmers' yields and to improve resistance to diseases, pests and abiotic stress. To that end, the company invested approximately EUR 200 million last fiscal year in research and development.

HOW TO APPLY

If interested, please send your cover letter and resume to resumes@genective.com with the subject of *Application for **Asset Management Summer Student Research Assistant***.