



JOB POSTING: Research Program Manager – Special Crops

Manitoba Crop Alliance is seeking a **full-time, Research Manager - Special Crops** for a **one-year term** to join our dynamic team to execute MCA's corn, flax and sunflower research program.

The individual who joins the MCA team needs to have a passion for agriculture and work with our growing research program to develop a strategy for research investment that is consistent with our strategic goals for the organization. We want a self-starter, highly motivated person with a positive and team-oriented attitude.

The Research Program Manager – Special Crops is responsible for executing Manitoba Crop Alliance's corn, flax, and sunflower research program, and lead and deliver MCA's Whole Farm research program, ensuring integration of research investments with MCA's strategic plan, under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work with MCA's Corn, Sunflower and Flax Crop Committees to develop a strategy for research investment that is consistent with strategic planning goals and objectives of the association.
- Advise Corn, Sunflower, and Flax Crop Committees of the research investment landscape. Matching funding opportunities and research capacity including research or contract timelines and timelines for decision in advance of potential co-funding opportunities.
- Lead and deliver MCA's Whole Farm Research Program. Launch and evaluate the Whole Farm Research Program call for proposals.
- Liaise and participate in regional funding processes and national research cluster proposals for corn, sunflower, flax, and whole farm research.
- Seek co-funding opportunities to multiply the effectiveness of each grower dollar invested.
- Work with MCA's communication team members and Agronomy Extension Specialist – Special Crops to transfer the organization's research program to membership and industry partners.
- Coordinate and manage all special crop and whole farm active projects. This includes but is not limited to, writing agreements, ensure reports and financial statements are received and sent to appropriate partners, general communication with co-funders and project researchers.
- Participate in various research calls for proposal, evaluating projects of strategic interest to MCA and bringing co-funding opportunities forward for possible investment.

Qualifications, Experience, and Knowledge Requirements:

- Completed post-secondary education in agriculture or related discipline; MSc. a strong asset.
- This position requires registration with the Agrologists Institute in Manitoba;
- Strong understanding and familiarity with Canadian agriculture and agronomic practices;
- Experience with project management and overseeing numerous files;



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- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, both written and oral;
- Excellent organizational skills; with the ability to multi-task and prioritize;

Working Conditions of the Position:

- Due to the nature of this position, this role requires flexibility. The successful candidate:
 - may need to occasionally work evenings to attend events.
 - must be able to travel within Manitoba and Canada, as per public health orders.
 - must possess a valid Manitoba Driver's license and ability to drive with own vehicle.
- The ability to work from the Carman office or remotely may be an option for the right candidate.
- Salary will be competitive, based on education and experience

About Manitoba Crop Alliance:

Manitoba Crop Alliance is a non-profit organization established August 1, 2020, representing over 7,800 farmer-members. Manitoba Crop Alliance puts their farmer-members first and strives to continuously improve the competitiveness and profitability of all crops represented by the organization by focusing on four main areas: research, agronomy, market access and development, and communications. It is through investment in these key areas that Manitoba Crop Alliance can ensure wheat, barley, corn, sunflower, and flax are sustainable production choices for Manitoba farmers. For more information, visit www.mbcropalliance.ca.

How to Apply:

Please forward resume and a letter of interest by e-mail to darcelle@mbcropalliance.ca. Application deadline is **4:00 pm CST, December 1, 2022**

We thank all applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.