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Position: Postdoctoral Research Associate (Research Geneticist)

Salary Range: \$62,174 - \$80,828/year

Open January 13, 2020 until filled

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, (Research Geneticist). Salary is commensurate with experience (\$62,174 - \$80,828 per annum, plus benefits) and citizenship restrictions apply. There are two positions available. The incumbents conduct small fruit (blackberry, raspberry, and blueberry) breeding research that seeks to develop new and improved small fruit germplasm and cultivars for the commercial industry. Specific objectives include breeding for traits such as high yielding, fresh and processing quality, insect, disease and virus resistance, and machine harvestability. The positions are based in Corvallis, Oregon with field activities primarily in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. The incumbents work within a team of geneticists, physiologists, horticulturists, pathologists, and molecular biologists. Candidates who will be successful in this position are highly organized, operate independently and possess the creativity to use their advanced knowledge of plant breeding to improve the production and use of perennial crops. The research is closely coordinated with small fruit grower stakeholders, and excellent communication skills are critical when dealing with stakeholders. The incumbents have leadership responsibilities for all activities involving the evaluation, selection, propagation, and advancement of berry selections within large breeding populations. These positions require a Ph.D. in plant breeding, plant genetics, or related field, as well as advanced knowledge of traditional and molecular plant breeding and genetics, statistics, and experimental design.

To apply send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and names of three references to Dr. Inga Zasada, USDA ARS, 3420 NW Orchard Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97331 or e-mail: inga.zasada@usda.gov.

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