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Potato Research Agronomist Portage la Prairie, MB

Gaia Consulting Ltd, established in 1987, conducts potato and other vegetable research trials for crop input manufacturers, commodity associations, food processors, growers and government. We currently have an opportunity for a permanent full time Potato Research Agronomist in Portage la Prairie, MB. The Potato Research Agronomist is responsible for carrying out activities related to the evaluation of new varieties, conventional and bio-pesticides, plant growth regulators and fertilizers. The successful applicant's duties will include:

- Work with clients to design potato and other vegetable research trials.
- Establish and maintain research trials.
- Supervise technicians in the establishment and maintenance of the trials.
- Apply test substances (using a tractor and sprayer or fertilizer spreader).
- Collect plant, tissue and soil samples.
- Collect, analyze, interpret and report research data.
- Make presentations at agricultural meetings.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary based upon education and experience. Ideally, this candidate will meet the following requirements:

- M.Sc. or B.Sc. degree in Agronomy, Weed Science, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Soil Science or related discipline completed by start date.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Knowledge of agricultural equipment operation and maintenance.
- Computer literacy – Microsoft Office Suite, statistical software.
- Knowledge of trial design and statistics.
- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada on a non-temporary basis.
- A valid driver's license is required.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as contributing to a team environment.
- Attention to detail, ability to problem solve.
- Ability to adapt to changing priorities.

Send resume with cover letter to Debbie Jones djones@gaiiconsulting.mb.ca. Deadline **March 29, 2019 or until suitable candidate identified.**