

Gateway Research Organization 2026 Summer Research Assistant

Gateway Research Organization (GRO) is an innovative, producer-driven, non-profit research organization that conducts agriculture research, demonstrations and extension services for producers in the Northwest region of Alberta. GRO is based out of Westlock, Alberta and provides support to several surrounding counties by hosting events and executing plots throughout the region. We initiate and perform work in all areas of agriculture, focusing on livestock, forages, cereals, pulses, and oilseeds.

Our team is seeking to add four Summer Research Assistant positions for our 2026 season, each specializing in a slightly different role.

If you enjoy working outdoors, doing something different every day, and learning from hands-on experience, then this is the job for you!

Responsibilities:

- Work as part of a team to complete seed preparation and trial planting
- Collect and compile accurate data on trials including seed quality, plant growth and health, seed and plant sampling, soil health, harvest results, etc.
- Perform field and pasture management tasks safely and efficiently; seeding, spraying, weeding, mowing, soil sampling, livestock handling, fencing, and so on.
- Assist with field design and planning, implementing project protocols, analyzing and summarizing data and preparing reports for extension events
- Help with events, tours, workshops, field days, and other projects as needed.
- Operate farm machinery for seeding, spraying, maintenance and harvesting of crops. Experience using agricultural equipment would be an asset.

Qualifications:

- Valid class 5 license
- Attention to detail and follow instructions
- Ability to work independently and navigate rural roads to field sites
- Willingness to work outdoors in all conditions
- Able to lift and carry up to 40 lbs., walk and work in uneven terrain
- Able to maintain focus while performing repetitive tasks
- Experience with MS Office
- Previous experience in agriculture or a farm background is an asset

Job details:

- Regular hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30 pm including a 30 min paid lunch
- Occasional weekend, early start or late evenings may occur
- Potential for extension into the fall for part-time or full-time hours

Send applications and questions to Andria Carlyon at manager@gatewayresearch.org