



2027 Summer Research Assistant – Five Positions

Gateway Research Organization

Spend your summer building practical agriculture and research skills with Gateway Research Organization (GRO), an innovative, producer-driven non-profit based in Westlock, Alberta. You will contribute to research, demonstrations, and extension services that support producers across northwest Alberta, with projects involving cereals, pulses, oilseeds, forages and livestock.

We are hiring five Summer Research Assistants for the 2027 season where each position will offer a distinct area of focus: extension, crops, livestock/forage, field operations, and data analysis. Positions will provide experience aligning with the interests and career goals of individuals hired.

If you enjoy working outdoors and taking on new challenges, this is an opportunity to gain hands-on experience while contributing to agricultural research in your community.

Gain Experience in:

- Practical applications of agricultural research methods
- Field and livestock operations
- Data collection and analysis
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Translating research results to producers and the public

Responsibilities:

- Work as part of a team to complete seed preparation and trial planting
- Collect and accurately record trial data, 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
- Participate in organizing, setup and execution of events, tours, workshops, and field days
- Operate farm machinery for seeding, spraying, maintenance and harvesting of crops.

You will Bring:

- Valid Class 5 license
- Attention to detail and following instructions
- Ability to work independently and navigate rural roads to field sites
- Willingness to work outdoors in all conditions
- Ability to lift and carry up to 40 lbs., walk and work in uneven terrain
- Ability to maintain focus while performing repetitive tasks
- Experience with MS Office
- Previous experience in agriculture and/or equipment operation is an asset
- Positive contributions to safe work culture

Job Details:

- Regular hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, including a 30-minute paid lunch
- Occasional weekends, early starts, or late evenings may occur
- Term is May through August
- Potential for earlier start date and/or extension into the fall for part-time or full-time hours
- Hourly wage is dependent based on relevant education and experience

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

