

Position: Research Technician

Terms: May to end of August or November (depending on availability)

***Locations:** Abbotsford, BC and Okanagan Falls, BC

The Company: ICMS provides contract research services in the areas of crop breeding, agronomy and evaluation of product efficacy for pesticides, inoculants, plant growth regulators, fertilizers, seed coatings, and many other agricultural products. We are recognized as a premier provider of services in the development, implementation and conduct of research protocols to determine potential pesticide residues in feed, forage, seed, soil and aquatic environments. ICMS is dedicated to providing accurate and meaningful data to local, national and international clientele. Our BC stations conduct research in both the Fraser Valley and the Okanagan Valley region working with a wide selection of crops such small fruit, tree fruit, potatoes, cole crops, corn, greenhouse crops, forage and veggie crops to name a few.

Job Description/Responsibilities:

- You will work independently and as a team to assist in the conduct of small plot research trials.
- Operate farm equipment for land preparation, planting, plot spraying, maintenance and harvest of a variety of crops.
- Data collection for crop quality, weed control, disease control and insect infestation and damage.
- Soil and plant tissue sampling, handling and assessment.
- Associated record keeping: equipment logbooks, data reporting, and data entry.

Benefits:

- Excellent earning potential with a competitive monthly salary.
- Training and experience with a wide variety of equipment and research methods.
- Great learning experience in all aspects of agriculture.
- Great opportunity to apply skills in disease, insect and weed identification. Gain insight into IPM practices and crop management.

Qualifications:

- First year to graduating students in **any discipline** encouraged to apply.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, excellent attention to detail, organization, and record keeping.
- Willing to travel periodically and complete tasks requiring extended work hours when necessary.
- Capable of physical tasks such as lifting, carrying a hand-held sprayer, walking in the field, bending and operating farm equipment.
- Skills that are an asset but **not** mandatory: Farm background and/or farm machinery experience, previous research experience and good mechanical aptitude.

Please submit resume and cover letter to Grant McMillan, via Email: mcmillan@icms-inc.com

**Please indicate location preference(s) in your cover letter.*

Deadline for applications: Apply as soon as possible. Suitable candidates will be hired as they apply.

Applications will be accepted as long as this notice is posted.