

THE ORGANIC RESEARCH CENTRE Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 0HR

CROP RESEARCH TECHNICIAN (G4)

6-month Contract

REF: RES1705

Salary range: £16,324 - £19,019 pa

The Organic Research Centre is looking to appoint a Research Technician to its Crops Team for 6 months. The successful applicant will assist the day-to-day delivery of ORC's field experimental activities, especially in the cereal field trials of the Whealbi EU Project, where winter wheat and winter barley accessions are being assessed in different organic management systems.

Candidates should be educated to at least HNC/D, Foundation Degree in Agricultural/Biological/Ecological or related sciences or have equivalent experience to this level although we will consider applicants seeking a 6-month industrial placement as part of their studies. Experience of implementing field trials and experiments is needed, as is knowledge of statistical methods for agricultural trials. Specific experience on cereals and an interest in the environment and organic farming would be desirable.

Good communication skills, both oral and written are essential. The ability to work independently and to contribute to the work of the team is also important. The candidate must be ready to travel to-from field trial sites and ORC whenever necessary.

The post will be based at the Organic Research Centre, where we offer a friendly working environment and diverse day-to-day work. The main field trial site is at the Sonning Farm (Charvil Ln, Sonning, Reading RG4 6TH).

Applications must be on an ORC application form. Further details and the application form can be obtained from our website at bit.ly/orcworkwithus. Please quote reference 'RES1705'.

Further information on ORC can be obtained from www.organicresearchcentre.com.

The closing date for applications is <u>9 am on Monday 13th March 2017</u>. Interviews will be held at the Organic Research Centre on <u>Tuesday 21st March 2017</u>.