

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County

- POSITION:** Staff Research Associate I (with opportunity for advancement)
- POSITION NUMBER:** 20090257
- CLOSING DATE:** Applications must be received by October 1, 2009 in order to be considered.
- HIRING SALARY:** \$2,905 to \$3,164/mo, plus excellent benefits, including one day per month paid vacation, one day per month paid sick leave, and 13 paid holidays per year. A variety of health and dental insurance plans are also available.
- LOCATION:** University of California Cooperative Extension, Fresno County
1720 S. Maple Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702

PURPOSE:

Under the direction of a UCCE Farm Advisor, assist with planning, performance, and analysis of field research and education activities to help develop chemical/non-chemical options for weed management in crop and non-crop situations in Fresno County and elsewhere as appropriate.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Use pesticide calculation/calibration procedures and operate tractors, ground sprayers, and a CO₂ back-pack sprayer to apply pesticides in test plots. Help collect and statistically analyze and summarize data. Maintain test plot equipment and supplies in functioning order and secure supplies as needed. Maintain an herbicide inventory list. Assist in preparation of written materials, posters, and signs for educational meetings. Communicate with UC staff, PCAs, growers, and chemical company representatives. Promote in all ways the Affirmative Action goals established by the department.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITY:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience in weed science, plant science, or related field. Familiarization with pesticide rate calculations, sprayer calibration, and experimental design and statistics. Qualified Applicator Certificate needed or ability to obtain one. Experience operating a tractor, ground sprayer, CO₂ back-pack sprayer, and various hand and power tools. Wear personal protective equipment and physical ability to work in plowed, or irrigated fields under dusty, windy, wet, and/or extremely hot or cold conditions. Working knowledge in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and MSTAT (or other statistical program). Must have well-developed verbal and written skills, as well as organizational and problem-solving skills. Must be a self-starter, with the ability to work independently and as part of a team.

TO APPLY:

<https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1204226194987>

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Effective September 1, 2009, the University of California Regents will be implementing pay reductions, furloughs and/or other types of measures due to the state budget crisis. This position would be subject to any cost cutting measures implemented at Agriculture and Natural Resources. Additional information is available on the University of California At Your Service web site: http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/budget/?page_id=87