

# Cereal Breeding Technician

Ickleton, near Cambridge/Saffron Walden UK

## Do you have an interest in science? Do you have an interest in plant breeding and sustainable food production?

We are offering a unique entry-level position with the opportunity to build a career in agriculture. Based in Ickleton just off the M11, South of Cambridge, this is a permanent full-time position. You will get the opportunity to work with a variety of agricultural crops, develop a wide range of skills, and contribute to developing pedigree crop and sustainable food production practices.

### Your main responsibilities:

- Key involvement in wheat early pedigree breeding processes and nurseries;
- Operation of specialist machinery, including machines used in drilling and seed handling operations (training will be provided)
- Field plant handling/Glasshouse/Polytunnel work – including field tagging, seedling transplant, sowing, crossing;
- Assisting with seed handling, seed processing, harvest, cleaning, threshing and sowing preparation;
- Data entry and list handling of breeding lines.

### Your primary skills:

- Positive attitude and enthusiasm;
- Excellent attention to detail;
- Full driving licence to drive manual vehicles;
- Comfortable operating specialist machinery (training will be provided);
- Would suit a practically minded individual with GCSE or equivalent pass in Maths, English and Science, and basic IT skills;
- Previous plant breeding/agricultural/horticultural experience is preferable but not essential;
- Willingness to work extended hours during harvest, drilling and seasonal work peaks;
- Eager to learn in a laboratory environment.

### What we offer you:

- Full time permanent position (basic 37h/week)
- Competitive rates of pay
- Company pension
- Private healthcare, including free flu vaccinations
- Bonus incentive scheme
- Minimum 25 days annual leave
- Employee assistance programme
- Full training provided
- Paid overtime for additional hours worked over 37 hours per week, paid at a minimum of x1.5 hourly rate
- Based in Ickleton, South of Cambridge, off the M11

### About RAGT

RAGT is an international plant breeding company headquartered in Rodez near Toulouse with a breeding and research site, and a successful commercial business in the UK (Ickleton).

The company has a multi-crop portfolio and a leading position in cereal varieties in the European market.

RAGT are European leaders in cereals and protein rich species, varietal innovation is at the heart of our business to support and develop sustainability in agriculture.

**INTERESTED?**  
**TO APPLY :**

- + Please **send your CV and covering letter** to Business Administration Manager R.A.G.T Seeds Ltd, Grange Rd, Ickleton, Essex, CB10 1TA
- + For any queries please **call** 01799 533707
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