

Pathology Field Technician

Ickleton, near Cambridge/Saffron Walden UK

Closing Date Friday 17th January 2025

Are you looking for a career in pathology that combines working outdoors and agriculture?

Based in Ickleton just off the M11, South of Cambridge, this is a permanent full-time position providing a unique opportunity to work within an established Pathology team. The role will cover the core practical pathology work out in the field, setting up trails, managing big sets of seed packets, but also provides the opportunity to work with the team in a research capacity.



Your prime responsibilities:

- Design, prepare, sow/drill, and harvest of the experiments in the field and in the poly tunnel, and in the glasshouse when required.
- Score field trials, glasshouse and/or poly tunnel experiments for diseases (Septoria, Yellow Rust, Brown Rust, Eyespot, etc.) and other phenotypes (requires occasional travel within the UK and Europe).
- Manage the Pathology section in the seed store and shared seed collections. Key responsibilities will include the organisation of material within the seed store and maintenance of stocks and any associated databases.
- Supervise husbandry of field, polytunnels and glasshouse experiments.
- Produce useable data, perform basic data analysis, and summarise and deliver results to prescribed deadlines.
- Assist in the sowing, leaf sampling, potting on, crossing, harvesting, and threshing of the Parental Development programme



Who are 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.



Your primary skills:

- Positive attitude and enthusiasm for plants and outdoor work
- Excellent attention to detail
- Experience working within field experimentation for cereals
- Good organisational and communication skills
- Good use of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook)
- Previous plant breeding/agricultural/horticultural experience is preferable but not essential
- Understanding of cereal developmental stages and cereal genomes would be preferred but not essential
- Level 4/Level 5 qualification: HNC/HND/NVQ or equivalent and/or relevant practical experience
- Full driving licence
- Tractor driving experience preferred but training can be provided



What we offer you:

Working basic 37.0 hours per week with benefits including:

- Full time permanent position
- Salary: £25,000 to £30,000 depending on experience
- Company pension
- Private healthcare, including free flu vaccinations
- Bonus incentive scheme
- Minimum 25 days annual leave
- Paid overtime for additional hours worked over 37 hours per week, paid at a minimum of x1.5 hourly rate
- Employee assistance programme
- Full training provided

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
- + **Or by email** to amconnell@ragt.fr