

Cereal Breeding Technician

Ickleton, near Cambridge/Saffron Walden UK (UK)

Deadline for applications: 29th May 2026. Please quote reference: CerealBreeTech2026

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.



What we offer you

- Full time permanent position (37 hours per week) with overtime as required
- Competitive salary from £25,000 (depending on experience)
- Minimum 25 days annual leave
- Private health care Incentive scheme
- Generous company pension
- Employee assistance programme
- Active employee training program for professional development
- Please note that no VISA sponsorship is offered with this position



Your main 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



About RAGT

RAGT is a French breeding company based in Rodez near Toulouse with a breeding and research site, and successful commercial business in the UK.

The company has a multi-crop portfolio and 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?

+ Please send your CV and covering letter to: Business Administration Manager, RAGT Seeds Ltd, Grange Road, Ickleton, CB10 1TA

TO APPLY:

+ Or email it to: anna.mcconnell@ragt.com

+ For any queries, please call: 01799 533707