Supervisory Research Geneticist Plants/Plant Physiologist
GS-14/15
Salary Range of $104,508 to $158,700

The Agricultural Research Service, Mid West Area is seeking a permanent, full-time Supervisory Research Geneticist Plants or Research Plant Physiologist to serve as Research Leader of the Plant Science Research Unit (PSRU) in St. Paul, MN. The mission of the PSRU is to develop new knowledge and understanding of fundamental processes controlling energy content, increased production, improved quality, and enhanced use of alfalfa and other forages, soybean, oat, and wheat, and to utilize this knowledge to develop germplasm and crop management schemes that lead to increased farm profitability and sustainability of the nation’s resource base. The incumbent’s personal research responsibilities are broad and include objectives for conducting a research program related to the area of genetics and physiology of forage crops, primarily alfalfa. As Research Leader for the PSRU, the incumbent exercises leadership and supervisory authority over scientists and support staff; manages the human, fiscal, and physical resources; is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the creativity and productivity of the PSRU staff; provides technical information, explanations, and consultation of laboratory research results both internal and external to ARS; links PSRU research with other ARS legume and forage research efforts across the county; and develops and maintains customer/stakeholder relations to strengthen the PSRU research mission.

Information about the Plant Science Research Unit is available at http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=50-62-10-00

U.S. Citizenship is required. For further information and complete application instructions, go to the USAJobs Web site: https://www.usajobs.gov/JobSearch/Search/GetResults?OrganizationID=AG03 and refer to announcement numbers ARS-D15E-0634 and ARS-M15E-0635. Applications must be received by the closing date of Friday, October 2, 2015.

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