

BBRO Research Technician

Sugar Beet Crop Protection

Thinking of a new scientific career challenge? Why not make a difference to the UK sugar beet sector and join the BBRO?

Based at the Innovation Centre on the Norwich Research Park, the British Beet Research Organisation (BBRO) are seeking a highly motivated individual to join our laboratory team from January 2020. This is a permanent position, within the crop protection group, and the successful candidate will assist with the provision of scientific and technical information for the UK sugar beet industry.

The main duties of this position are to assist with laboratory, glasshouse and field trials and conduct experiments on all aspects of crop protection research including the identification, detection and analysis of pests and diseases of sugar beet, as well as helping to prepare final reports and the presentation of data to the sugar beet industry.

On a day-to-day basis the successful candidate will:

- Provide and manage the BBRO diagnostics services such as qPCR and ELISA
- Assist with the management of the BBRO Plant Clinic by coordinating, referencing and responding to plant clinic samples
- Identify pests, diseases and weeds of sugar beet
- Assist with the culture of pests and diseases and provide, develop and manage inoculation materials for trials
- Assist with the maintenance of plants in the glasshouse
- Assist with practical demonstrations as required
- Assist with trial assessments
- Maintain laboratory stocks/equipment
- Provide support at BBRO events as required
- Assist with preparing final reports

As an applicant for this position you should:

- Have good training in biology or a related subject (minimum HND/degree in biological sciences) or have equivalent experience, particularly with diagnostic methods
- Have good attention to detail
- Apply a flexible working attitude
- Be willing to learn new techniques
- Be adept at working to deadlines and in a fast-paced laboratory environment

We are an equal opportunities employer and applicants are welcome to apply regardless of age, disability, gender, marital status, race, nationality or ethnic origin, religion, or sexual orientation.

How to apply:

If you feel you have the relevant skills and experience for this position please send your CV and covering letter to: accounts@bbro.co.uk. Closing date is 25th November 2019.