About the role

This is a great opportunity for an Plant Research Specialist to join our growing Product Development and Operations team and help us expand our breeding and field testing capabilities. The primary function of this position is to assist the Plant Research Scientist in organizing and coordinating all aspects of breeding and research efforts for field crops including data collection, seed preparation, planting and harvesting, and maintenance of research fields and equipment. The position is based at our new facility at the Purdue Research Foundation campus in West Lafayette, IN.

About Inari...

Inari Agriculture, Inc. is an exciting early stage, high growth company working to create a winning global food system for all. We’re taking a revolutionary approach to transform plant breeding and contribute to a transparent agriculture system that is climate resilient and respectful of the environment, promotes nutrition and health, empowers all farmers, and can continue to feed the growing global population. To solve these hard problems for world changing impact, we’re fearless in asking the questions no one else is, and determined to find the answers no one has yet.

Our success is dependent on great minds, collaborating to generate bright ideas and deliver exceptional outcomes.

Started in 2016 in Cambridge, MA, we have over 60 employees, and are now expanding our research and development capabilities with new facilities and teams in West Lafayette, IN and Ghent, Belgium. Our interdisciplinary R&D team brings expertise in biology, agronomy, genetics, data science, and software engineering, and is supported by an exceptional global Scientific Advisory Board. If you want to be part of a diverse and inclusive team developing unique solutions to feed the world without starving the planet we’d love to hear from you!

As Associate Plant Research Scientist, you will...

- Support and advance breeding and research pipelines by managing nurseries and field trials
- Lead setting up, laying out, and managing crossing blocks along with field and greenhouse crossing efforts
- Manage breeding database, and help analyze and interpret data generated from program
- Assist with developing planting and harvest plans, and designing experiments
- Coordinate all aspects of field research including seed packaging, planting, plot maintenance, data collection, and harvesting
- Operate planters, combines, threshers, and other equipment used to conduct field research
- Supervise and train temporary employees, and ensure a safe working environment

You bring...
- M.S. degree in plant breeding, crop science, agronomy, horticulture, or related field
- Plant breeding knowledge and experience with soybean and/or corn breeding and production
- Knowledge of crop production, field research, and plant phenotyping
- Ability to operate commonly used small plot field research equipment
- Demonstrated ability to prioritize and perform multiple tasks simultaneously to achieve team goals
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent organizational and record keeping skills
- Ability to work extended hours during the peak planting and harvesting seasons and able to lift 50 pounds
- A positive and entrepreneurial attitude. Ability to challenge the status quo to spark improved strategies, methods, and practices in a fast-paced startup environment
- Energy, self-motivation, ownership and focused execution.
- Curiosity; desire to continuously learn and have a meaningful impact.
- Creative and strategic thinking, willingness to be bold and take risks.
- A collaborative approach, open to giving and receiving ideas, perspectives, and feedback.

Bonus Qualifications
- Previous experience working for a seed company
- Familiarity with experimental design, and collection and statistical analysis of experimental data

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