

Job Opportunity

2-23-23, Field Assistant, Part Time, Temporary, Coffee Orchard, Whittier College, Whittier, 3-25-23 deadline

Job Title

Field Assistant-AV David Fdn-Coffee Orchard

Agency

Whittier College

Location

Whittier, CA

Pay Rate

\$20/hour- commensurate with experience

Overview

- Whittier College is an independent, four-year Liberal Arts College distinguished by its small size (1600 undergraduates) and a nationally recognized liberal arts program. Whittier College has a history of strong and innovative interdisciplinary programs and a diverse student body. The College is ideally situated in the scenic hills eighteen miles east of downtown Los Angeles.
- The Academic Affairs-Environmental Science Department at Whittier College seeks a Field Assistant to join the California Grown project team, a grant-funded program to explore the environmental impact and sustainability of coffee-avocado intercropping within the context of a liberal arts education. The Field Assistant will maintain the experimental plot comprising 64 coffee plants from 16 varieties located at Whittier College, supervise routine operations, conduct plant checks, and help the Principal Investigator's research both in the coffee orchard and in the adjacent urban garden. This is a temporary, contractual position which terminates upon completion of the grant program (August 31, 2023).
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 6 hours per week
- Exempt Status: Non-Exempt
- Full Time/Part Time status: Part Time
- Salary Range: \$20/hour; Salary will commensurate with experience, skills, and knowledge.
- Reports to: Principal Investigator/Project Director
- Location/Department: Whittier College (Main Campus)/Academic Affairs-Environmental Science Department

POSITION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Performing general garden and orchard maintenance, including: weeding, mulching, pruning, composting, fertilizing, and planting.
- Supporting field sampling and other research activities at Whittier College and other research sites, as needed.
- Regularly monitoring instrumentations and equipment (weather station, irrigation, tools, etc.)

- Regularly meeting and communicating with the PI.
- Assisting in note taking, research & list making.

Non-essential Functions of the Job: None identified at this time.

Position Specifications and Requirements:

- **Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree preferred but not required. Candidate must have some experience with gardening or other agriculture-related activities. The ideal candidate is someone who cares about and has experience with organic farming practices and is passionate about sustainable agriculture, loves to be outside and works well with other people. Strong work ethic and ability to work independently are a must. Qualified candidates should be familiar with field data entry, need to be confident and handy with hand and mechanical tools and able to lift 30 lbs. Must be able to perform hard, physical labor for consecutive hours under occasional extremes in temperature (up to 95 F) and uneven terrain. Successful candidates will be cognizant of the fact that the work takes place primarily on a college campus, therefore adherence to the College's code of conduct is required. Valid Driver's License is required. The position is based in Whittier, California.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

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Application Mode

- To apply please visit <https://apptrkr.com/3926775>
- To apply, send your application, including your resume and a description of why you think you would be a good candidate for this position to: whittierjobs@whittier.edu and cfissore@whittier.edu or mail to Whittier College, Attn: Human Resources Manager, 13406 E Philadelphia Street Whittier, CA 90608. AA/EOE.
- Whittier College is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against employees or applicants because of race, religion creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal Law
- Application Deadline = 3/25/2023

Contact for further information

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