

## Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Position – Forage Agronomy

The Western Beef Development Centre (WBDC) is seeking a Post-Doctoral Researcher in the discipline of Forage Agronomy for a three year term (2017 to 2020).

**Job Description:** Under the supervision of a senior PhD research scientist, this researcher will develop and conduct research in topics relevant to the Western Canadian cow/calf industry to improve forage production in grazing and preserved forage systems, improve forage quality and livestock productivity and ensuring the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of forage/livestock systems.

The candidate will be required to develop applicable collaborative research grants based on the industry needs and latest applicable research, to develop research protocols, manage projects, conduct field experiments, collect and analyze scientific data, interpret and communicate results to a diverse audience, as well as scientific and technical writing, publishing and presentation to the public.

The candidate could reside in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to offer close proximity to colleague scientists at the University of Saskatchewan and being able to drive to the field locations in approximately 1 hour.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must hold a recent PhD (within 5 years) in an appropriate scientific discipline (such as Plant Science, Agronomy, Range Management, or Animal Science) and be capable of supervising students, technicians and collaborators. The candidate will be required to work outdoors during the field season and must possess a valid Canadian driver's license. Strong written and oral communication skills in the English language are essential.

**Terms:** Salary is in the range of \$40,000 to \$65,000 depending on qualifications and experience. An excellent benefits program is also available. The position is for one year, but with the possibility of being renewable for up to three years

**The Company:** The WBDC, located in Lanigan, Saskatchewan, plays a unique and vital role in the development of the Western Canadian cattle industry. As a link between "the lab and the land", WBDC communicates directly with the research community and the cattle industry. Practical and applicable research is used to provide technologies that enable producers to become increasingly competitive in today's marketplace.

In April of 2018, the WBDC and this position will transition into a part of the newly formed Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence (LFCE) at Clavet, Saskatchewan, which is a division of the University of Saskatchewan. It will bring together all aspects of beef cattle research into one entity, providing researchers, faculty, students, industry and producers with a broad-based platform for research, teaching and extension activities. The LFCE will promote new research links and synergies across the commercial supply chain. The Centre will be a leader in developing research, teaching and technology transfer programs that provide the livestock and forage industries of Saskatchewan and Canada with new tools and techniques for healthy, sustainable and competitive growth.

**Closing Date:** Until position is successfully filled. Applications will be screened initially in early April. Screening of applications will continue until position is successfully filled.

**How to apply:** Submit a covering letter stating how your background and qualifications match the position, a full curriculum vitae (CV) detailing your education, awards, publications, research experience, etc. and at least two letters of reference via E-mail to: [jwassermann.wbdc@pami.ca](mailto:jwassermann.wbdc@pami.ca)

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