

COMMERCIAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT - COVER CROP VARIETIES

Part time work opportunity

Ayag.com represents a group of stealth-stage entrepreneurs and investors aiming to create, identify and commercialize technologies that will accelerate agriculture's transition to regenerative practices and rebuild soil health. We are conducting a search across North America's top agriculture universities to identify a highly capable Commercial Research Assistant to join our team.

The Research Assistant will play a critical role, supporting the team by scanning the global academic community for relevant research and technologies, with the aim of identifying commercial licensing and partnership opportunities. The role will comprise approximately 10 hours of work per week, with opportunity to work remotely from any location. The initial focus of the scan will be for research and technologies related to cover crop breeding.

The Research Assistant will:

- Read academic literature on forage and cover crop breeding to identify commercially applicable findings and technology developments
- Initiate conversations with researchers to learn about their research and explore opportunities to partner to commercialize their research findings
- Develop a full understanding of research and 'who's who' in forage and cover crop breeding landscape globally (including breeding groups, academia and industry)
- Develop a full understanding of what all forage and cover crop breeders are working on, including types of crops, traits and progress
- Regularly synthesize learnings from reading research and speaking with researchers for the Ayag leadership team

What we're looking for in a Research Assistant:

- Graduate student at a top lab focusing on research in plant breeding, physiology, or other relevant field.
- Basic familiarity with cover crops required, with primary research preferred.
- Some familiarity with breeding approaches required, breeding experience preferred.
- Comfortable reading and understanding scientific academic papers.
- Understanding of university funding / IP licensing models preferred, but not required
- Resourceful and creative in their approach.
- Results and goal-oriented.
- Strong ability to work independently, manage timelines and resolve roadblocks.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, with a particular ability to synthesize and explain scientific concepts in simple terms.

The opportunity will give you:

- Opportunity to contribute to the critically important world of regenerative agriculture technologies
- Opportunity to learn about the process of commercializing scientific research and discoveries
- Competitive wages

Please express interest to michael@ayag.com by September 23, 2019, including a brief description of your interest and a copy of your CV.