

# Hart Field-Site Group Inc

## Technical Officer (Field Trials)



## INFORMATION SHEET

Are you passionate about agricultural research?

The Hart Field-Site Group Inc (Hart) is expanding our team and seeking to employ a motivated individual to support field trials across Hart's research and extension program in the Mid-North of South Australia.

We are a not-for-profit grower group with a proud forty-year history, conducting a large number of field trials in applied grains research & other broadacre cropping projects (annually) on a 40 hectare site owned by us.

Our core aim is to enhance the knowledge and skills of farmers by providing independent information to assist them in the adoption of sustainable, productive and profitable cropping practices and technologies.

The Technical Officer will report directly to Hart's Research & Extension Manager and work closely within our team to achieve successful trial and research outcomes.

With exposure to all aspects of our research and extension program, this role will suit applicants who have an eye for detail, enjoy variety and thrive on the challenge of meeting specific goals.

Effective communication skills, both written and verbal, and a high level of personal organisation will be most important.

Within our small team, you'll find us to be passionate and driven across all aspects of agricultural research and extension. We have a friendly and positive work environment, working together to deliver successful outcomes to benefit the broader agricultural industry.

The Hart team also work collaboratively with farmers, external researchers, contractors, the broader ag industry and other key stakeholders which provides all staff with the opportunity to expand their networks.



## Experience / Qualifications

- Applicants with at least two years of experience in agriculture and / or agricultural research are preferred.
- A solid understanding of broadacre farming systems will be beneficial.
- Tertiary qualifications are not essential.
- On the job training will be provided.

## Applicants must have

- A current Australian driver's license.
- The right to work in Australia.
- ChemCert certificate (or be willing to get one).

## Start date

July 2023 (date negotiable)

## Terms

- This position is being offered as 0.8 FTE under a two-year contract.
- Work days and times may be negotiable.

## Salary

\$56,000 - \$60,000 + superannuation (0.8 FTE)

## How to apply

- Familiarise yourself with the full contents of this Information Sheet & Roles and Duties document.
- Apply via email, providing us with the following:
  1. Your current CV including the names of 3 referees (2 x work-related + 1 x personal).
  2. A cover letter (1 page max) highlighting your most relevant experience and interest in ag research. Please also tell us a bit more about yourself and why you've applied. Finally, don't forget to address the points listed in the 'Applicants must have' section above if it's not already included in your CV.

## Send to

Sandy Kimber | Executive Officer | Hart Field-Site Group | [admin@hartfieldsite.org.au](mailto:admin@hartfieldsite.org.au)

## Applications close

June 14, 2023 at 5pm

## Further information and enquiries:

Your questions are welcome - contact Hart's Research & Extension Manager, Rebekah Allen, to find out more.

Mobile: 0428 782 470 | Email: [rebekah@hartfieldsite.org.au](mailto:rebekah@hartfieldsite.org.au)

# ROLES AND DUTIES

Reporting directly to the Hart Field-Site Group's Research & Extension Manager, the Technical Officer will assist with and provide support in the following areas;

## Field trials

- Trial planning and design
- Procurement of materials (seed, sampling materials, fertiliser, chemical etc)
- Soil and crop sampling, seed cleaning and packing
- Monitor trials, conduct in-field measurements, record and collate data
- Chemical handling & application
- Assist contractors with seeding, spray & harvest operations
- Laboratory work including the processing of soil and crop samples & grain quality analysis
- There may also be the opportunity to co-ordinate Hart-funded trials, farm-scale demonstrations and / or case studies

## Extension

- Preparation of Hart events; seminars, workshops, crop walks and the Hart Field Day
- Contribute to a range of communication activities; videos, podcasts, trial reports, fact sheets and other publications, media releases and online content
- Present at Hart events and to other site visitors

## Other

- General site checks and maintenance
- Collaboration with Hart staff and board members, contractors, farmers, advisors, researchers, ag industry personnel and other key stakeholders
- Participate in trial planning meetings
- Overall support to the Research & Extension Manager

## Personal abilities and skills

- Attention to detail
- Complete work according to set protocols and to a high standard
- Excellent personal organisational skills
- Effective communication skills (written and verbal)
- Strong motivation to meet goals and deadlines
- Sound problem solving skills and a solution focused attitude
- General proficiency in the use of laptop and mobile device software and applications
- Some time outside ordinary working hours to attend events, seminars etc. will be required

## Experience / qualifications

- Two+ years of experience in agriculture and / or agricultural research is preferred but not essential
- A solid understanding of broadacre farming systems will be beneficial
- Tertiary qualifications are not essential