

RESEARCH OFFICER



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ABOUT THE ROLE

The Hart Field-Site Group Inc (Hart) is seeking to employ a motivated and experienced individual to join our research team and contribute to Hart's extensive trial program in the Mid North of South Australia under a two-year contract.

Responsibilities cover all aspects of our research program including trial planning & design, procurement of materials, laboratory tasks, trial monitoring, assessments & sampling, recording & collating data and chemical handling & application.

Involvement in Hart's extension activities includes preparing for Hart events, contributing to a range of communication activities and presenting information to a range of audiences.

Other general duties include site checks, stock take & maintenance, attending events, project meetings & professional development opportunities, assisting with project applications & reporting, and collaborating with a wide range of partners.

As a result, this role will suit applicants who enjoy variety and thrive on the challenge of meeting multiple goals and deadlines.

Applicants will be able to demonstrate effective written and verbal communication skills, a high level of personal organisation, self-motivation, strong attention to detail, and a desire to work to a high standard.

This role offers a fantastic mix of field and office-based work. Travel between Hart's office in Clare and our field site at Hart (located between Blyth & Brinkworth) is just a short 20 minute drive, with a ute provided for staff use during work hours.

The Hart team 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.

We have a friendly and positive work environment, working together to deliver successful outcomes to benefit the broader agricultural industry.

While the role is well supported by Hart's Executive Officer and Research Lead, there is scope for a level of autonomy and personal responsibility. All grains research enthusiasts who meet the requirements of the role and are ready for their next challenge are encouraged to apply.



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ABOUT HART

The Hart Field-Site Group is home of the Hart Field Day. A not-for-profit grower group with a proud 43-year history, we conduct a large number of field trials and other broadacre cropping related projects (annually) on a 40 hectare site owned by us.

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

Our field site features a research shed with plenty of storage and workspace, and the Hart Research Hub, where we host a number of extension activities and meetings throughout the year. It's also a great space for our team to have lunch while on-site.



Overseen by a board of twelve, Hart's operations are carried out by our research and administration teams. You'll find board and staff members alike to be passionate and driven across all aspects of agricultural research and extension.



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ROLES & DUTIES

Reporting in the first instance to the Executive Officer and ultimately to the Hart Field-Site Group board, the Research Officer will be responsible for;

Field duties

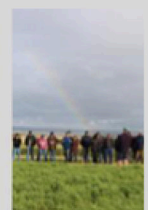
- Trial planning and design to meet the objectives of Hart Field-Site Group.
- Procurement of materials including seed, sampling materials, fertiliser, chemical etc.
- Laboratory tasks including germination testing, seed cleaning, treating and packing, processing of soil and crop samples and grain quality analysis.
- Monitor trials, conduct in-field assessments and measurements, crop and soil sampling, record and collate data.
- Chemical handling and application.
- Assist contractors with seeding, spray and harvest operations.
- Co-ordinate Hart-funded trials, farm-scale demonstrations and / or case studies.

Extension duties

- Prepare for Hart events, including seminars, workshops, crop walks and the Hart Field Day.
- Contribute to a range of communication activities to promote research findings and the work of the Hart Field-Site Group.
- Present information and trial findings at Hart events and other site visitors.

General duties

- General site checks, stock take and maintenance.
- Collaborate with Hart staff and board members, contractors, farmers, advisors, researchers, ag industry personnel and other key stakeholders.
- Participate in trial planning meetings, project meetings and professional development opportunities where applicable.
- Contribute to team success by providing support and / or instruction to colleagues.
- Assist with project applications and reporting.



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TERMS

Experience / qualifications

- Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences (or equivalent) is preferred
Please provide evidence in your application
- Proven experience in applied grains research
- An understanding of:
broadacre agriculture (specifically cereal, oilseed, legume & hay crops)
farming systems and practices used in the Mid North of South Australia

Applicants must have

- A current Australian driver's license
- The right to work in Australia
Please provide evidence in your application and describe any conditions
- ChemCert certificate (or be willing to get one)

Start date

- October 27, 2025 (negotiable, an earlier start date is available)

Terms

- Full-time
- Two-year contract

Salary

- Competitive salary
Negotiated according to experience

Applications close

- September 26, 2025 at 5pm
Unless filled prior



This position will be filled prior to the advertised closing date for the right applicant

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HOW TO APPLY

Familiarise yourself with the full contents of this Information Sheet

Email us with the following:

- Your current CV
Include the names of 3 referees (2 x work + 1 x personal / community)
- Evidence as outlined on the previous page
- A cover letter detailing:
Your relevant experience & skills
Your interest in grains research
A little about yourself personally, including your reasons for applying

Send to:

Sandy Kimber | Executive Officer | Hart Field-Site Group | admin@hartfieldsite.org.au

Further information and enquiries:

Your questions are welcome.

Please contact Hart's Executive Officer, Sandy Kimber, to find out more.

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