



American Samoa Community College
Agriculture Community & Natural Resources Division
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Research Assistant I (Horticulture)
Employment Status: Full Time 12 months (Career Service)

General Description:

The Research Assistant I (Horticulture) assists the Horticulture Researcher in implementing and maintaining horticulture research trials, projects, and programs.

Responsibilities and Duties:

Technical

- Perform duties such as maintenance of field plots, trials, laboratory and equipment; plant propagation and distribution of planting material
- Visit farms to assist with identifying and developing solutions to horticulture related questions/problems
- Prepare and conduct presentations/workshops to farmers, students, community groups and media
- Assist Researcher and Research Assistant II in developing and conducting field and greenhouse trials, including field/greenhouse plot layout, assisting with field preparation, planting, harvesting/data collection, pest control, weed management and performing lab tests
- Other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Associate's degree in Agriculture, biology, tropical plant and soil science, natural science or a related field
- Two to three years of directly related experience
- Must be able to operate a manual transmission vehicle
- Must be able to communicate in English and Samoan
- Must have a basic understanding of soils and agriculture in American Samoa
- Must be able to work with minimal supervision and supervise the research technician in daily activities
- Must be able and willing to perform moderately strenuous outdoor labor
- Must be able to safely operate rototiller, weed eater, backpack sprayer, hedge trimmer, pick, hoe, shovel, bush knife and other tools required for plant propagation and planting
- Must understand and follow farm safety practices (chemical, physical, biological)
- Must take and pass the American Samoa EPA Pesticide Applicator Safety Course
- Must be able to use Microsoft Excel

Salary Range: GS-10/03-06: \$22,297.00 - \$25,027.00 per annum

Application Deadline: March 31st, 2023 no later than 4:00pm

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office 699-9155 Ext. 456/466/460, 699-2722 ext 3601/3602/3603/3604/3605/3606,
<http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by emailing ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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