



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

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

General Description:

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

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Develop and conduct field and greenhouse trials and demonstrations under supervision of the Horticulture Researcher, including plot layout, field preparation, planting, pest and weed management, harvesting, data collection, and lab testing
- Prepare and conduct presentations and workshops to farmers, students, community groups, extension agents, and the media
- Visit farms to assist farmers in identifying and developing solutions to horticulture related questions and problems
- Maintain field plots, trials, laboratory facilities and equipment, plant propagation and planting material distribution
- Other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in horticulture, tropical plant and soil sciences, environmental sciences, or related field
- Three (3) years' experience in horticulture production, research or extension
- Able to operate manual transmission vehicle
- Communicate effectively in English and Samoan
- Have a basic understanding of soils and agriculture in American Samoa and experimental design in agriculture
- Able to work minimal supervision and supervise technician in daily activities
- Must be able to perform moderately strenuous outdoor labor and safely operate rototiller, weed eater, backpack; sprayer, hedge trimmer, pick, hoe, shovel, bush knife and other tools required for plant husbandry.
- Must understand and follow farm safety practices (chemical, physical, biological) and be familiar with Microsoft Excel

Salary Range: GS-15/03-05: \$23,795.00 - \$25,875.00 per annum

Application Deadline: August 9th, 2022 no later than 4:00pm

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

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