



**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:**

- Perform duties such as maintenance of field plots, trials, laboratory and equipment; plant propagation and distribution of planting material
- Visit farms to assist farmers 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 plot layout.
- Assist with field preparation, planting, harvesting/data collection, pest control, weed management and 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
- Ability to operate manual transmission vehicle
- Ability to communicate in English and Samoan
- Basic understanding of soils and agriculture in American Samoa
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and to supervise Research Technician in daily activities
- Ability and willingness to perform moderately strenuous outdoor labor
- Ability to safely operate rototiller, weed eater, backpack sprayer, hedge trimmer, pick, hoe, shovel, bush knife and other tools required for plant propagation and plating
- Understanding of and adherence to farm safety practices (chemical, physical biological)
- Must pass the American Samoa EPA Pesticide Applicator Safety Course

**Salary Range:** GS-14/01-05: \$18,657.00 - \$22,297.00 per annum

**Application Deadline:** December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu).

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