

Technical Services Agronomist – Boise, ID
Job ID 5201

The J.R. Simplot Company is a diverse, privately held organization, with roots firmly planted in agriculture and agriculture-related businesses. These endeavors have been around for centuries and will continue to be a vital part of the global economy. We currently have a position available at our facility in Boise, ID. Boise's mild climate, affordable housing, and vibrant downtown add up to a great place to live.

SUMMARY

The Technical Services Agronomist will be the technical support lead working with Innate seed suppliers and customers. This position will provide best practice recommendations to growers, monitor trait performance, support sales activities, and support growers on any questions they have on Innate potato production. The position also includes participation in designing, implementing, and analyzing agronomy trials intended to reveal the market value of new potato varieties. The trials will be conducted in the field and potato storage facilities and will include quality assessments. The candidate would preferably have experience in statistics, plant pathology, and soil fertility. He/she must demonstrate the ability to work efficiently with minimal supervision, communicate effectively in a multi-disciplinary team, and have strong customer service skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES

*Lead the development and deployment of best practice guides and training that will ensure that there is effective communication to growers on the best practices related to growing and storing Innate™ potato varieties

*Provide support to growers who have technical questions related to their Innate™ potato crop. Work with Simplot Plant Sciences' Seed Sales Team to make sure the growers and the Sales team have a common understanding of any issues and their resolutions.

*Design product development strategies and trials that will measure the value created for growers by new Innate™ products coming through the development pipeline. Also, work with Simplot Plant Sciences' Seed Marketing and Sales Teams to design and deploy trials that demonstrate the benefits and value of new commercial Innate™ potato varieties.

*Monitor commercial production fields and keep a dialog with commercial Innate™ growers about the performance of Innate™ varieties. Understand actual delivered total per acre value creation versus planned. Investigate any complaints and work with the grower and Simplot Plant Sciences' Seed Sales team to bring resolution.

REQUIREMENTS

- * Master's Degree with 4 plus years of experience or Bachelor's with 8 plus years of experience.
- * Must have demonstrated ability to work productively with growers.
- * Potato production experience is required.
- * Biotech crop experience is preferred.
- * Excellent communication skills including formal presentation skills are required.
- * Ability to optimize varieties to obtain the greatest trait value by designing innovative research studies.
- * Ability to work within and enjoy a team-based environment.

* 30-50% Travel.

Disclaimer - These statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of personnel so classified.

Combination of education, training and/or experience will be considered for this position.

HOW TO APPLY

External Candidates:

- Visit www.simplot.com/careers
- Select **Job Search**
- Select **Current Opportunities**
- Select **All Open Positions**
- Apply to **Job ID# 5201**

Please prepare a cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications and submit with your resume via our online application process described above. For best results, please upload your resume as a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF document. This process includes additional job-relevant questions, so plan on at least 20 minutes when you apply.

When a position is in the interview stage or has been filled, it will no longer appear on our Simplot Careers website. If you experience any technical difficulties when applying through our online system, please contact our Employment Center for assistance at careers@simplot.com.

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