

We have a **Cover Crop Education Specialist** position available through University of Missouri. This is a great position for someone interested in educating both farmers and farm advisors about cover crops. The position is with the Center for Regenerative Agriculture at University of Missouri. The job can be done remotely, but we will prioritize candidates located in the Midwest, particularly in Missouri or an adjacent state.

Ideally, we'd like to have a person with a masters degree in agronomy or a related field and with some experience doing cover crop outreach. We will consider candidates who have at least a bachelors degree in a field related to agronomy and multi-year experience with cover crop education. This is a full-time position with standard university benefits. More details are in the job description below, along with a link to apply. Review of applications will begin later this week, but will be accepted until the position is filled. Contact Dr. Rob Myers [myersrob@missouri.edu](mailto:myersrob@missouri.edu) with any questions.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Position:** Cover Crops Education Specialist

**Responsibilities:** Provide education and outreach on cover crops and soil health, working with farmers and agricultural professionals advising farmers, including ag retailers, extension and NRCS staff, and other farm advisors. This position is part of the staff team with the University of Missouri Center for Regenerative Agriculture ([www.cra.missouri.edu](http://www.cra.missouri.edu)). Specific activities include:

- Participate in development and delivery of educational events on cover crops and soil health for farmers and farm advisors, such as field days, webinar, and workshops.
- Respond to questions on cover crops and soil health from farmers and farm advisors via email and phone calls, and occasional farm visits.
- Work with the ag retail community and other farm advisors on cover crop training, including delivery of information content that ag retailers, CCAs and other advisors can use in assisting farmers with cover crops.
- Periodically review and help update information on cover crop management as part of the process of developing new education and training materials, both print and video.
- Communicate with researchers and educators working on cover crops and soil health, gathering information useful to development of training materials.
- Working with other team members, help identify barriers to cover crop adoption and strategize on ways to improve adoption.
- Network with cover crop educators and soil health leaders from other organizations in the Midwest and nationally, to exchange information and ideas.
- Collaborate on other special projects with cover crop development, including potential evaluation of new cover crop varieties, reviewing cover crop data and adoption information, and other special activities that aid progress with cover crop use.

### **Qualifications:**

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelors degree in agronomy, soil science, or a related field

**Candidates will be evaluated on:** Highest degree earned. Demonstrated knowledge of cover crops and soil health, particularly relevant to Missouri or other Midwestern states.

Effective oral and written communication skills, including delivery of presentations to farmer audiences through field days and workshops. Strong organizational skills and ability to work as a self-starter. Awareness of cover crop research results, including on-farm research experiences in the Midwest and soil health measurement. Ability to provide management recommendations on cover crop implementation.

**Benefit Eligibility:** This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>

**To Apply:** Applications for this position should be through the University of Missouri Human Resources employment portal at [https://erecruit.umsystem.edu/psc/tamext/COLUM/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM\\_FL.HRS\\_CG\\_SEARCH\\_FL.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB\\_FL&Action=U](https://erecruit.umsystem.edu/psc/tamext/COLUM/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&Action=U). Job ID 39766. Applicants should submit a cover letter outlining experience with cover crops and interest in farmer education, a resume, and list of three references. Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2022. For questions about the position, email Dr. Rob Myers at [myersrob@missouri.edu](mailto:myersrob@missouri.edu)

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