

**BIOMASS RESEARCH SPECIALIST**  
**Energy Biosciences Institute**  
**Institute for Genomic Biology**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This is a 12-month non-tenure track Academic Professional position with emphasis on organizing field and greenhouse biomass plant production, research and training, as well as supervising hourly staff. Responsibilities will be in the Feedstock Production/Agronomy Program of the Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The successful applicant will:

- Develop biomass production goals and objectives
- Organize field and greenhouse biomass production schedules
- Solve biomass production problems
- Conduct biomass production and agronomic research
- Assist graduate students and post doctoral researchers
- Evaluate and integrate changes in production procedures to maximize results obtained from experimentation
- Be able to operate basic agricultural and horticultural field equipment
- Work in a team environment and coordinate biomass production and research activities with other EBI programs and departments in the College of ACES
- Hire, train, supervise, schedule, and evaluate the work activities of hourly biomass production employees
- Evaluate and analyze production and research results and conclusions
- Represent the biomass production at informational meetings, field days, seminars, workshop, and scheduled visits
- Organize an annual University of Illinois biomass production and agronomy field day with other Biomass Research Specialist

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Minimum education requirement is a B.S. in agronomy, environmental science, horticulture, or other agricultural field with experience in field and/or greenhouse production of grasses grown for biomass. Must have staff supervision experience. Must be willing to travel domestically and internationally and assist with off-campus research and demonstrations. Must have demonstrated communication and computer skills.

Salary will be commensurate with training and experience. Please create your candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload your letter of interest (including email address), resume and contact information for three professional letters of reference by November 30, 2009. Applicants may be interviewed before the closing date; however, no hiring decision will be made until after that date. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered. For further information regarding the application procedures, you may contact Kim Johnson, [kljohns@igb.uiuc.edu](mailto:kljohns@igb.uiuc.edu).

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