POSITION: Part-time Research Associate I, position (0.5 FTE) in the area of plant feedstock cultivar development research for the three year period.

LOCATION: Department of Plant Sciences, 2431 Joe Johnson Drive, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-4561.

EFFECTIVE DATE: For full consideration, applications must be received by September 15, 2014. Screening of applicants will continue until the position is filled.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Basic responsibility of this position will be to assist the principal investigator in implementation of cultivar development research projects on switchgrass. The duties include field preparation, design and layout of experiments, planting and management of field nurseries, data collection, entry and analysis, plant care in the greenhouse, management of laboratory research and other activities as assigned by the supervisor. He or she will work in close collaboration with graduate students and supervise hourly employees.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor degree in Agricultural Science or M.S. degree in Agronomy, Soil Science, Horticulture, or related discipline. Strong written and oral communication skills along with the ability to work cooperatively in a multidisciplinary team environment are required. Experiences in plant breeding, statistical procedures, management of field and greenhouse experiments and basic knowledge of laboratory techniques and safety are desirable.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include group health; workers’ compensation; and sick and annual leave.

TO APPLY: Interested candidates should submit the following materials: 1) cover letter, 2) curriculum vita, 3) original copies of all transcripts, and 4) names, postal and e-mail addresses and phone numbers of three references. Submit materials via email to Dr. Hem Bhandari c/o Dawn Seigel at dbrown10@utk.edu or mail to 2431 Joe Johnson Dr Rm 252 Knoxville TN 37996.

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