

## Breeder Assistant (M/F)

Permanent position – Full-time  
Location: Uchaud (30), France

### Context

Sakata Vegetables Europe is a subsidiary of Sakata Seed Corporation (Japan) and is responsible for the development and expansion of the activities across the EMEA area. With our wide array of vegetable seeds, we want to create a confidence-based relationship with our customers, working to our age-old motto of Quality, Reliability and Service. Ever since our foundation in Yokohama in 1913, we have been delivering smiles to the world through seeds for a century.

### Missions

Under the guidance of the Breeder, the Breeder Assistant will give support to the tomato breeding programs in the creation and development of new hybrids for specific market segments. In consideration of Quality System-, phytosanitary- and seed health testing requirements, the Breeder Assistant will assist in with planning, design, implementation, and execution of the breeding programs.

The main responsibilities include:

- Coordination and communication of breeding program activities to the breeder and support teams (farm, pathology, molecular, research management).
- Assistance with planning, organizing, and supervising of crossing blocks.
- Coordination, follow-up, data collection, interpretation, and reporting of on- and off-site trials.
- Evaluation of trials and general assistance in the selection process to contribute to the efficient and timely output of the breeding programs.
- Using Phenome to record and manage data, assisting with interpretation and reporting of breeding program information.
- Sampling for MAS (marker assisted selection) and pathology support.
- Seed shipments and record keeping.
- Providing support to the teams in managing tasks such as seed picking and sowing, germination reports, transplanting, plant maintenance, pollination, harvesting, seed extraction, seed disinfection, seed drying, packaging and inventory update in the breeding database.

To succeed in this position, you will also have to collaborate with pathology and biotechnologies laboratories teams for projects, as well as marketing, trials, and product development teams across EMEA. This position also requires travelling to countries to other EMEA countries.

### Profile

- Minimum master's degree in agriculture (Plant Breeding, Genetics, or closely related field)
- At least 2 years' working knowledge and experience in plant breeding programs, including procedures and plant genetics.
- A positive, motivated, enthusiastic, pro-active mindset with effective communication skills, willing to work across a broad range of diverse tasks and environments.
- Willingness and ability to work in field and greenhouse conditions, exposed to heat and cold conditions.
- Persistence, patience, and commitment to work within an environment of longer breeding cycles.
- Ability to multi-task, operate efficiently under stressful conditions and with consideration of deadlines.
- Accuracy and attention to detail.
- Flexibility and ability to perform in a multicultural environment.
- A team player who is also able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Ability to travel locally as well as internationally.
- Fluency in English (verbal and written communication), other languages are an advantage.

### Application

This position is available as soon as possible, at Sakata Vegetables Europe main site, in Uchaud (between Nîmes and Montpellier). Suitably qualified candidates who are motivated to contribute to the development of new vegetable varieties, are required to forward their resume with a covering letter, in English, to [Recruitment.VEG@sakata.eu](mailto:Recruitment.VEG@sakata.eu) before the closing date of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

