OpenTEAM Project Manager
Impact Area: Farmer-Driven Data Stewardship

OpenTEAM is currently hiring for two project management roles that will hold similar types of responsibilities and will both work on our Collaborative Projects team. The main difference between these two roles has to do with the impact areas of projects falling under each role's purview.

- The OpenTEAM Projects Manager focused on farmer-driven data stewardship will be primarily responsible for managing projects related to how farmers will utilize and benefit from data-driven technologies in a trusted way.
- The OpenTEAM Projects Manager focused on Ag Data Infrastructure will be primarily responsible for managing projects building backend, modular tooling that could be utilized by developers building farmer-facing tools.

Please apply by submitting a resume and cover letter for the impact area that best aligns with your interests.

About Wolfe's Neck Center

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is a fast-growing, national nonprofit organization based on a campus of over 600 acres of coastal farmland in Freeport, Maine. Our work is dedicated to creating a world where agriculture and food systems support farmer viability, thriving ecosystems, and vibrant communities. Through regenerative farming, innovative research, and collaborations, Wolfe's Neck Center works to advance agriculture - on our own farm and nationally - to accelerate holistic change in food systems, and mitigate the effects of a changing climate.

As a part of our mission, WNC supports the OpenTEAM initiative (Open Technology Ecosystem for Agricultural Management). OpenTEAM is a community of farmers, ranchers, businesses and developers working to increase food system resiliency in the face of climate change. By acting as a convener, technology steward, and facilitator, OpenTEAM equips food system leaders with shared knowledge, collaborative frameworks, and open-source, connected technologies to build climate change resilience and thriving communities.

Position Summary

OpenTEAM is expanding its role as a community convener and facilitator, and has a series of upcoming projects related to ethical and trusted agricultural data stewardship by and for farmers. Our vision is to collaborate with partners to document and deliver the business, legal, and technical components needed to serve producers in data collection, management, sharing, and digital transactions. These efforts will support a more data-driven and climate-benefiting agricultural sector, improve models and data management systems, and ultimately lead to functional and secure data collection and use for farmers. Through these collaborative efforts, we will advance knowledge-sharing, increase access to sustained price premiums for farmers, and contribute climate & environmental benefits for the planet.

This role will focus on projects related to farmer data, technology for farmers, and farmer consent around data sharing. The Project Manager will be responsible for keeping partners on track and within scope, ensuring that the collaborative groups working on these projects can meet timelines and deliverables. This position will be a main point of contact for our projects and partners focused on efforts related to consent-driven data management for farmers, including tech-focused and farmer-focused organizations, food corporations, and government entities. This

project manager role will be responsible for executing and reporting against grant-specific timelines and deliverables, as well as managing internal team members who are contributing to projects within their scope.

Requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required to perform this job successfully. If you do not fit this description perfectly but believe that you would be a good fit for this position, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or apply. Reasonable accommodations may be made to individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

Primary Responsibilities

- Executing on projects that support the collaborative visioning and development of trusted data exchange for farmers. Activities could include partnership and relationship management, project management for community collaboration or development stages, and facilitating design processes.
- Ensuring that the activities and milestones for all projects related to farmer consent-driven data management are clearly defined, can be implemented to yield deliverables in a timely manner, and are in coordination with other relevant OpenTEAM workstreams.
- Setting up and maintaining project tracking in management softwares, including Gitlab and Asana.
- Facilitating collaborative approaches to scoping and developing interoperable data frameworks, data use agreements, and design specifications.
- Maintaining regular check ins with core technical partners to track and maintain development scopes of work.
- Supporting grant reporting and budgetary oversight.
- Collaborating with other members of the team to establish scopes of work across the community of stakeholders, project documentation, and community updates for a more public-facing audience.

Qualifications

- Relevant experience in project management. Preferred experience managing and reporting on grant-funded projects
- Interest and excitement about agricultural research methods and data collection, data management and modeling, human-centered design processes, and agricultural technology
- Experience managing technical partners and project scopes, with an emphasis toward development outputs
- Experience working toward a shared vision with diverse teams of tech developers, scientists, and nonprofit leaders
- Comfort with communicating complex technical or agricultural processes to diverse audiences
- Demonstrated passion for food systems change
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a growing team and develop effective working relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Comfort with ambiguity and change in a quickly growing organization
- Preferred: People management / team leadership experience
- Preferred: Experience coordinating and / or facilitating cross-organization collaborations

Other Requirements:
- Legally able to work in the United States (we cannot provide VISA sponsorship)
- This position can be done remotely. Hybrid may be an option at our oceanfront campus in Freeport, Maine.

Compensation

The OpenTEAM Project Manager (Farmer-Driven Data Stewardship) is a full-time, year-round position. This position may be done remotely, but hybrid may be an option at Wolfe's Neck Center in Freeport, ME. As a full-time employee of Wolfe's Neck Center, this position is eligible for benefits including health insurance, dental insurance, three weeks paid vacation and six sick days, Maine state holidays off, and our retirement savings plan which includes up to 100% match of employee contributions up to 5% of eligible compensation. If on-site, the employee will be eligible for a ½ CSA share from the Center. Compensation commensurate with experience: $70,000 - 80,000.

To Apply

Please apply at [this link](#) by submitting a cover letter and resume. Applications received by April 14th will be given priority. To reduce waste, do not mail a hard copy of your materials. No phone calls, please. Position posted March 14th, 2024.

Non-Discriminatory Selection Process

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment welcomes a diverse pool of candidates. In accordance with federal Equal Opportunity laws, Wolfe's Neck Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation including gender identity or expression, veteran status, or physical or mental disability in the hiring of its employees. Applicants are selected based on their ability to perform the essential functions of the job, prior work experience, and references from previous employers.