



The Australian Wine  
Research Institute

## Position Description

**Title of Position:** Project Technician

**Reporting to:** Senior Scientist

### Overview:

The Project Technician performs hands-on work on trials of autonomous tractors, robots and weed management technologies and assists with a range of other laboratory, vineyard and winery projects.

### Qualifications:

Relevant scientific, agricultural or engineering qualifications are desirable but not essential.

### Experience:

Some basic knowledge of viticulture and farm machinery is desirable but not essential.

### Principal Accountabilities:

1. Take daily responsibility for the planning, execution, reporting and management of internal and external projects, as discussed with the Senior Scientist.
2. Coordinate project workload and resources to meet timelines and deliverables according to project budgets.
3. Effectively conduct experimental design, statistical data treatment, data interpretation and communication of project actions in alignment with requirements.
4. Ensure quality project outcomes through strict adherence to project plans, project management systems and directions provided by the Senior Scientist and robust and thorough evaluation of experimental data.
5. Provide high quality customer service and communication to customers and stakeholders.
6. Accept that all intellectual property, patents and discovery arising during the course of employment at the AWRI remain the property of the AWRI.
7. Undertake other duties as directed by the Senior Scientist, the Group Manager – Commercial Services or the Managing Director.

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8. Promote the general well-being of the AWRI by ensuring that all contact with clients, staff or the public is performed in a professional and confidential manner.

**Person Specification:**

1. Practical understanding of and experience in scientific or engineering research.
2. Ability to work and communicate successfully within a multi-disciplinary environment and across research and industry groups.
3. Ability to maintain effective working relationships and contribute positively in a team environment.
4. Superior oral and written communication skills.

**Workplace Health and Safety Responsibilities:**

Employees and students must take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety, and have responsibilities to:

1. Ensure that they do not increase the risk to the health, safety or welfare of others through any act or omission.
2. Obey reasonable instructions that are designed to protect their health, safety and welfare.
3. Use, in the appropriate manner, equipment that is provided to protect their health, safety or welfare.
4. Not wilfully interfere with, or misuse, items or facilities provided in the interest of health, safety or welfare of employees.
5. Ensure that they are not affected by alcohol or any other drug to such an extent that they endanger themselves or others.
6. Report promptly, any hazards, incidents or injuries to their Manager/Team Leader.