Position	**FAR Regional Facilitator Southern North Island** 0.4 FTE (16 hours/week). Fixed term until 30 June, 2028		
Reports to	FAR Regional Team Coordinator and FAR Communication Manager.		
Company	Foundation for Arable Research	**Date**	November 2026
Head office	Innovation Park, 185 Kirk Road, Templeton, Christchurch		
Our vision	A confident, resilient and profitable arable sector, producing trusted foods, feeds and seeds		

FAR's Core Values

- Trusted
- Independent
- Collaborative
- Curious
- Engaged

Purpose

The purpose of the Regional Facilitator is to work with southern North Island Arable Research Groups (ARGs) and FAR staff to identify and support the delivery of research and extension activities which align grower needs and FAR's strategic priorities.

Roles and Responsibilities	
Regional Arable Plan (RAP)	❖ Work with regional grower groups (ARGs) and FAR staff to develop and deliver a RAP to address grower research, extension, resource and service needs. o Participate in planning and delivery of research and extension products, tools and services to meet grower and FAR goals. o Monitor and report on activities. ❖ Assist with the identification and development of materials and activities to meet the needs of growers in the region.

	❖ Work with ARG and FAR staff to ensure that: o ARG meetings are held regularly; o Meeting feedback is provided to FAR staff and levy payers; o Grower feedback is provided to ARG Chair o FAR's constitutional requirements are met. ❖ Work with ARG to: o Consult a range of growers and stakeholders around research and extension requirements (considering such things as sub-regions, crop mixes and rotations, knowledge gaps etc). o Discuss the resulting report with ARGs and FAR for incorporation of key points into broader FAR planning.
FAR regional extension and events	❖ With support from FAR events staff, plan and coordinate delivery of appropriate region-specific field days and workshops. ❖ Establish and facilitate arable discussion groups and demonstration farms where needs are identified.
Relationship management	❖ Develop and maintain relationships with relevant stakeholders and rural professionals and be the regional point of contact for the arable sector e.g. Federated Farmers, Regional Councils etc. ❖ Work constructively with the FAR Research and Communication Teams. ❖ Participate and contribute to the wider FAR team and contribute to any activities as necessary.
Regional reporting	❖ Monitor and communicate changing or emerging local and regional regulatory requirements affecting arable growers.
	❖ Any other duties which may be reasonably required by staff from time to time during the course of FAR's business.

Management	❖ No direct line management.

Location	❖ This position requires working from home and the use of your own vehicle. Mileage will be reimbursed at the standard IRD approved rate.
Hours	❖ 0.4 FTE (16 hours) a week. ❖ FAR's core business hours are 8.00 am – 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday ❖ It is expected you will work set days, preferably including a Tuesday.
Other	❖ Applicants must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a Permanent Residence Class Visa.

Relevant skills/qualifications/ attributes

- A relevant tertiary qualification or equivalent experience and sound knowledge of New Zealand farming systems.
- Ability to empathise, support and work with arable farmers.
- Flexible and adaptable, with the ability to read situations, connect the dots and creatively solve problems while acting as a catalyst for change.
- Ability to speak with authority and write clearly and effectively for a farmer audience.
- Ability to build and maintain effective relationships with arable farmers, industry stakeholders and pan-sector organisations.
- Ability to organise and facilitate focused events and activities.
- Ability to meet operational targets on time and within budget.
- Full, current New Zealand Driver's Licence.
- A team player.