

Job Ad: Horticulture Crop Summer Student Field Research Assistant Positions

Organization: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs

Division/Branch: Economic Development Division / Agriculture Development Branch

Position Title: Summer Student Field Research Assistant (4 positions)

Job Term: Temporary (4 positions) for 16 - 18 weeks

Location: Ridgetown, ON

Salary: \$11.10 / hour, based on a 36.25 hour work week

Student Research Assistant Duties:

- Summer student research assistant positions will assist with summer applied research and demonstration projects conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs (OMAF/MRA) Horticulture Crop Staff in Ridgetown, ON
- Field work might include plot set up and maintenance, soil sampling, field scouting, trap monitoring, identification and monitoring of insects and diseases
- Responsible for recording agronomic and pest data and other pertinent information from research plots, survey sites and trap locations
- Develop and maintain databases for plot and pest information
- Assist in the coordination of events, programs and projects (e.g. workshops, demonstrations, field days etc.) working with key stakeholders and clients in delivery of programs and information.
- Office work might include data collection and database management, assisting with the production of technical information such as newsletters, updating web pages, blogs, etc.
- Will gain extensive knowledge in agronomy, insect and plant disease identification and monitoring/diagnostic techniques

What we are looking for: Please review the qualifications for this position:

- Interpersonal skills to work within a multi-disciplinary team
- Good observational skills and attention to detail to conduct research, field monitoring, processing samples, and data entry
- Written communication skills to prepare a variety of documents (e.g. reports, factsheets, and articles).

- Some proficiency with computer based software applications including MS Office programs, Internet and database management software to perform data entry, conduct analysis, prepare reports, track and compile information
- Ability to work in an outdoor or laboratory environment, with some light physical activity involved, including light lifting and walking
- Must work well independently or as part of a team; plan, organize and prioritize work to meet competing deadlines
- Must be willing to travel to rural locations
- Must have a minimum Ontario G2 Driver's Licence
- Must be a resident of Ontario and be eligible to work in Canada.
- Must be between 15-24 years of age (up to 29 with disability) on the first day of employment.
- Must be currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary school, or have completed all academic requirements for graduation within 6 months of first day of employment.

How to Apply:

- Demonstrate how you meet the eligibility criteria, skills and experience we are looking for clearly, completely and concisely. We rely on the information you provide to us.
- Provide a cover letter and resume electronically to anne.verhallen@ontario.ca in any of the following formats: PDF, WORD, plain or rich-text format (.pdf, .doc, .docx, .txt and .rtf). Or you could provide your cover letter and resume on paper to:

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