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Organization: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Division/Branch: Economic Development Division / Agriculture Development Branch

Position Title: Field Research Assistant – Pest Management Scout in Vegetable Crops

Job Term: Temporary (2 positions) for up to 14 weeks

Location: 1 Stone Road, Guelph, Ontario

Salary: Level 2 – \$15.20 / hour, based on a 36.25 hour work week

Start Date: April 18th, 2022 to May 2nd, 2022

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Agriculture Development Branch in Guelph Ontario is seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic and energetic team player. This position will provide an excellent opportunity for those interested in a career in horticulture production, pest management, plant pathology, entomology, research or the agricultural service sector. This position will provide the opportunity to learn about plant diseases, insects and pest management in the horticulture crop sector within the province. The successful candidates will be responsible for both field and office duties. Field work includes setting up research plots, assessing pest populations, scouting for pest issues, recording insect trap data, conducting pest surveys, assisting in data collection and research plot maintenance in vegetable crops. Office duties will include data entry and literature reviews.

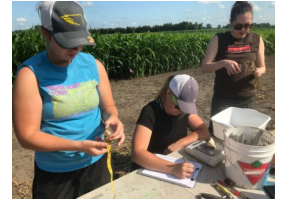


Duties:

- Assist with applied research and demonstration projects conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).
- Projects will focus on plant pathology, entomology and pest management in vegetable crops.
- Field work includes setting up and maintaining (planting, weeding etc.) research plots, field scouting, pest monitoring and identification, production practices, pest management etc., collecting/entering of data and preparation of written reports. Training will be provided on research methods, technology transfer, and working in the public sector.
- Assist with the collection and analysis of on-farm samples and data from research projects.

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- Assist with gathering existing information, conduct new literature reviews and develop written reports and presentation materials on key initiatives.
- Office work will include assisting with data entry into disease prediction models research, data entry and database management, assisting with the production of technical information such as newsletters, factsheets, web pages, blogs, etc.



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

- You work independently or as part of a team; you plan, organize and prioritize your work to meet competing deadlines.
- You are willing to travel to rural locations (frequently not accessible by public transportation).
- You are familiar with farming and interested in horticulture crop production.
- You enjoy working in an outdoor environment with physical activity involved.
- You apply your interpersonal skills to work within a multi-disciplinary team.
- You apply your observational skills and attention to detail to conduct research, field monitoring, data collection and entry.
- You are able to apply your written communication skills to prepare a variety of documents (e.g. reports, factsheets, and articles).
- You are familiar with computer-based software applications including Word and Excel.

Requirements:

- You must have an **Ontario full G Driver's Licence** and a good driving record.
- You must 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.
- You must be a resident of Ontario.
- You must be eligible to work in Canada.
- You must be between 15-24 years of age (up to 29 with disability) on the first day of employment.
- You 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.
- Effective October 1, 2021, the OPS COVID-19 Safe Workplace Directive will require all Ontario Public Service employees to provide proof they are fully vaccinated, meaning they are fully vaccinated as defined by the Ministry of Health (refer to: COVID-19 Fully Vaccinated Status in Ontario), including 14 calendar days have passed since receiving their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Employees who do not provide proof of full vaccination will be deemed 'not vaccinated' under the Directive and will be required to attend a vaccine education program and undergo regular rapid antigen testing. Employees who are not vaccinated under the policy with a valid medical exemption will not be required to attend a vaccine education program.

How to Apply:

- You must provide your cover letter and resume electronically in one file to travis.cranmer@ontario.ca in PDF or you could provide your cover letter and resume on paper to:
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Vegetable Crops Specialist
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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If you have a disability and require accommodation to apply, please contact the supervisor above.

Closing Date: January 10th, 2022