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## Summer Student Positions for OMAFRA based in Ridgetown

**Job Posting:** Field Research Assistant

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

**Division/Branch:** Economic Development Division / Agriculture Development Branch

**Job Term:** Temporary (4 positions) for up to 16 weeks

**Location:** Ridgetown, Ontario

**Salary:** \$14.85 / hour, based on a 36.25 hour work week

**Closing Date:** Friday, January 31st, 2020

### Position Focuses:

Field Crop Pathology – Albert Tenuta

Field Crop Entomology – Tracey Baute

Horticultural Soil Management – Anne Verhallen

Vegetable Crops – TBD

### “In This Issue”

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Are you serious about making your mark, getting hands-on work experience and learning more about careers in the Ontario Public Service? This position will provide an excellent opportunity for those interested in a career in field crop production, research or the agricultural service sector. This position will provide the opportunity to learn about diseases, insects, and agronomy on a wide range of vegetable crops and major field crops grown in the province.

### Duties:

- Assist with summer applied research and demonstration projects conducted by OMAFRA Horticultural and/or Field Crop Staff.
- Projects focus on production practices, e.g. soil health, weed control, pest management, fertility and others.
- Field work could include field scouting, identification and monitoring of insects, weeds and crop diseases, soil and plant sampling, and other data collection
- Field work might include plot set up and maintenance, soil sampling, field scouting, trap monitoring, identification and monitoring of insects, earthworm, nematodes or diseases

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- 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 staff to gather existing literature and conduct new literature reviews, and develop written reports and presentation materials on key initiatives.
- Assist in the coordination of events and programs (e.g. workshops, demonstrations, field days etc.), and set-up of field sites for events
- Office work might include providing customer service assistance, research, data collection and database management, assisting with the production of technical information such as newsletters, updating web pages, blogs, scanning images, etc.
- Will gain extensive knowledge in a variety of areas including: agronomy, entomology, and plant pathology. Additional skills include plant or pest identification and monitoring/diagnostic techniques

## What we are looking for:

- Interpersonal skills to work within a multi-disciplinary team and participate in meetings
- Observational skills and attention to detail to conduct research, field monitoring 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 Word and database management software to perform data entry, conduct analysis, prepare reports, track and compile information
- Ability to work in an outdoor environment with some light physical activity involved, including light lifting
- Ability to work independently or as part of a team, plan, organize and prioritize work to meet competing deadlines
- Familiarity with farming and crop/livestock production
- Willing to travel to rural locations (frequently not accessible by public transportation)

## Requirements for hiring:

- Must have a minimum Ontario G2 Driver's Licence
- Must be a resident of Ontario and eligible to work in Ontario
- Must be between 16-24 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.
- For returning students: you may only work in the same position for two consecutive years

## How to Apply:

- 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.
- Provide your cover letter and resume electronically in one file in any of the following formats: PDF, WORD, plain or rich-text format (.pdf, .doc, .docx, .txt and .rtf).
- Please submit your application via email to [gabi.saldanha@ontario.ca](mailto:gabi.saldanha@ontario.ca). On the email subject line, please indicate which position(s) focus you are applying for.
- If you have any questions about applying, or if you have a disability and require accommodation to apply, please contact Gabi Saldanha at 519-674-1692 or [gabi.saldanha@ontario.ca](mailto:gabi.saldanha@ontario.ca)

**Posting Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Closing Date: Friday, January 31, 2020**

# Vegetable Crops Summer Student Positions for OMAFRA based in Guelph



**Job Posting:** Field Research Assistant in Vegetable Crops  
**Organization:** Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
**Division/Branch:** Economic Development Division / Agriculture Development Branch  
**Job Term:** Temporary (3 positions) for 14 weeks  
**Location:** 1 Stone Road W, Guelph, Ontario  
**Salary:** \$14.85 / hour, based on a 36.25 hour work week

**Start Date:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Closing Date:** Friday, January 31st, 2020

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 candidate 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 may include some or all of the following:**

- 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.
- 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.

# **Vegetable Crops Summer Student Positions for OMAFRA based in Guelph...con't**

## **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.

## **How to Apply:**

- You must provide your cover letter and resume electronically in one file to [travis.cranmer@ontario.ca](mailto:travis.cranmer@ontario.ca) in PDF or you could provide your cover letter and resume on paper to:

Travis Cranmer  
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.