Agriculture Development and Outreach Project Lead
Summer Positions for the Undergraduate Student Experiential Learning Program

Organization: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and University of Guelph
Branch: Agriculture Development Branch/Ontario Agriculture College
City: Guelph or other OMAFRA Resource Centers (will depend on project and applicants)
Job Term: 5 Summer Positions (Starting April/May for approx. 16 weeks)
Salary: $15.00/hr + benefits and vacation pay

The Agriculture Development Branch is searching for enthusiastic individuals with agriculture production knowledge/education and an interest in developing their leadership, project management, research and communication skills to join their team of technology transfer/extension professionals for a summer of mentoring.

Help us create and transform new research and ideas into practical programs, products and services which will ensure Ontario’s agricultural sector remains profitable and competitive.

Successful applicants will be mentored by Agriculture Development Branch staff and University of Guelph researchers as part of the Undergraduate Student Experiential Learning Program. Five positions are available. Note: the geographic location options for each position – the options listed are available below, candidates should indicate which project(s) they are interested in.

1. Diversity and Abundance of Pollinator Communities in Ontario Apples – Location: Guelph
2. Out-of-season Breeding Strategies for Dairy Goat Producers in Ontario – Location: Guelph
3. Managed Ornamental Container Crops versus Native Flowering Plants: Pollinator Attraction, Pollen Resources, and Consumer Preference – Location: Guelph
4. Collect Information to Investigate the Effect of Climate on Gastrointestinal Parasite Load in Sheep – Location: Guelph or Elora
5. Studying the Effect of Photoperiod Response Genes on Environmental Adaptation of Winter Wheat in Ontario – Location: Guelph

What can I expect to do in this role?
In this role, you will:
- Be involved in the delivery of production information to Ontario horticulture, field crop or livestock producers while being mentored by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) staff and University of Guelph researchers.
- Coordinate a project designed to assess the presence and impact of new and existing practices, products, technologies and programs to Ontario’s Agriculture production sector.
- Work on a priority project, prepare educational and awareness building tools to facilitate change.
- Gain valuable experience working with world class extension specialists and researchers on a priority project.
- Gain knowledge of the role of government, knowledge translation and transfer and potential career opportunities.

How do I qualify?
Applicants should be completing their third year or normally have completed 15 credits of undergraduate studies in a relevant Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) degree program (students from other UofG programs will be considered based on academic fit and experience related to the positions). Students completing their second year will also be considered based on academic merit.

How to apply:
Applicants should provide a resume, unofficial transcripts, and a cover letter describing their interests and stating which particular position(s) they are applying for. Electronic applications should be submitted to: Carmela Cupelli, carmela.cupelli@ontario.ca. Applications are due by Friday, January 12, 2018 by 11:59pm. Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview shortly thereafter.

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