Job Ad: Student – Livestock Sustainability Assistant

Organization: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Division/Branch: Economic Development Division / Agriculture Development Branch
Position Title: Student – Livestock Sustainability Assistant
Job Term: Temporary (1 position) for up to 14 weeks
Location: University of Guelph, Dept. of Animal Biosciences
Salary: $15.10/hour, based on a 36.25 hour work week

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 dairy production, research and the agricultural service sector. This position will provide the opportunity to learn about production and management issues within the Ontario livestock industries.

Duties:

• Assist with summer applied research and demonstration projects conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) livestock staff.
• Projects will include dairy housing, silvopasture, beef feedlot health, commercial sheep producer outreach, and wild pigs as a potential invasive species
• Field work will include event planning, farm visits and assisting with the collection of on-farm data and/or samples for research projects
• Assist in the coordination of various events, programs and projects (e.g. workshops, demonstrations, field days etc.) working with key stakeholders and clients in delivery of programs and information.
• Conduct literature reviews and develop written reports and presentation materials on key initiatives.
• Office work may include providing customer service assistance, assisting with issues management, research, data collection and database management, assisting with the production of technical information such as newsletters, updating web pages, blogs, scanning images, using social media, writing and reviewing factsheets, reports, publications, etc.

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

• You can apply interpersonal skills to work within a multi-disciplinary team and participate in meetings.
• You can apply observational skills and attention to detail to conduct research, field monitoring and data entry.
• You can apply written communication skills to prepare a variety of documents, such as reports, factsheets, and articles.
• You are familiar with computer-based software applications (including MS Office, internet browsers and database management software) to perform data entry, conduct analysis, prepare reports, prepare information for the website, track and compile information.
• You can work in barn environments with moderate light physical activity involved, including moderate lifting. Previous experience handling dairy cows or commercial sheep may be an asset.
• You are able to work independently or as part of a team.
• You can plan, organize and prioritize your work to meet competing deadlines.
• You are familiar with farming and livestock production.
• You are willing to travel to rural locations frequently not accessible by public transportation.
• You must have a minimum Ontario G2 Driver's Licence.

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.
• You must be a resident of Ontario on the first day of employment.
• You must be legally entitled to work in Canada.
• You must be between 15 and 24 years of age (up to 29 with disability) on the first day of employment.
• You must be a student (currently enrolled, returning in Sept. 2021, on academic break or graduated within 6 months of first day of employment).
• Provide your cover letter and resume electronically in one file christoph.wand@ontario.ca in any of the following formats: PDF, WORD (.doc, .docx), plain or rich-text format (.txt or .rtf).

If you have a disability and require accommodation to apply, please contact the supervisor Christoph Wand at (519) 820-3150.

Posting Date: February 15, 2021

Closing Date: March 1, 2021

We thank all those who apply; however only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.