Employment Opportunity

Employer: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) www.inspection.gc.ca

Job Title: Summer Veterinary Student

Location: Current vacancy in Berwick, NS

Start and End Dates: Early May to Late Aug 2021 (Final Dates TBD)

Hours per Week: 37.5

Rate of Pay: $22 – 27.73/hr
(Generally based on the student’s current academic level at Vet School)

Pay Frequency: Bi-weekly

Application Deadline: March 31, 2021 at 11:59:59 PM

CFIA’s Mission: Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada’s people, environment and economy.

Mandate & Objectives
One of the mandates of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is its dedication to safeguarding food supply for Canadians. CFIA develops and delivers programs and services designed to protect Canadians from preventable food safety hazards, to ensure that food safety emergencies are effectively managed and that the public is aware of and contributes to food safety.

Duties:
This process is anticipatory for Summer of 2021 in the Veterinary Student Placement Program – usually 2nd – 3rd year. There will be exposure to the various aspects of regulatory veterinary medicine in Meat Hygiene.
CFIA summer student will work with veterinarians and inspection staff or individually to provide inspection and operational support to activities related to the inspection of poultry before and after slaughter; to ensure that meat products are safe for human consumption.
In addition to slaughter monitoring responsibilities, students will engage in monitoring the Humane Transport and handling of poultry shipped to the plant.

Typical tasks may include:

- Observation of various processing functions at the slaughter plant to ensure regulatory compliance with the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR).
- Assisting in ante and post mortem examinations of poultry
- Monitoring transport trailers with live poultry on arrival at the plant to ensure the humane transportation and handling of the poultry as per regulatory requirements.
Other related duties as determined by the supervisor

**Essential Qualifications** and Assets
1. University student enrolled in a Veterinary school. Must be enrolled as a full time returning student in the fall of 2021.
2. In your application/resume, please identify the legal status which entitles you to work in Canada – Canadian citizenship, permanent resident status or work permit.
3. Bilingualism will be an asset.

**Statement of Qualifications:**
The following Essential Competencies will be applied / assessed:
1. Working in a Team Environment
2. Planning / Organizing
3. Initiative
4. Critical thinking / decision making
5. Communication (oral and written)

**Conditions of Employment:**
The following conditions of employment are required:
• Adherence to the CFIA Code of Conduct.
• Adherence to the CFIA Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Policy.
• Compliance with the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector.
• Legal status to accept employment for the entire period of employment.

Any of the following conditions of employment may be required for an appointment from the pool:
• Medical suitability: Pass a Pre-placement Health Evaluation and Periodic Health Evaluation.
• Willing and available to work shifts.
• Willing and available to work irregular hours (e.g., nights, weekends, statutory holidays).
• Willing and available to travel.
• Willing and available to work overtime.
• Valid driver’s license.

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CFIA Contact Information – Students are requested to send their resumes, cover letter and confirmation of enrollment in the Fall of 2021 to:

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