



Summer Agricultural Research Assistant

Perennia's mission is to support growth, transformation and economic development in Nova Scotia's agriculture, seafood, and food and beverage sectors.

Our highly skilled and collaborative team focuses on superior customer service, proactive solutions and innovative approaches to meet client needs. To assist in this effort, we are seeking a **Term Agricultural Research Assistant** for 6 months (April to October) based in Kentville to join our growing team of 90+ employees.

This the first year of a pilot project taking place in Nova Scotia, focusing on the production of long-cane raspberry in substrate, and under tunnels. The research assistant dedicated to the raspberry project will be responsible for collecting data pertaining to crop performance that will drive crop management. The successful applicant will conduct weekly field sampling in Kings County, including but not limited to, insect identification, crop measurements, irrigation monitoring (pH and EC measurements, drip and drain comparisons), tissue sampling and disease monitoring. They will also be required to assist on other field research projects during key times throughout the season (including vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits and field crops). Project work will be conducted outdoors and under tunnels, as well as any data entry and research preparation that is required.

Though the position is based out of the Kentville Research and Development Centre and home office, regular travel within the Annapolis Valley will be required with travel expenses reimbursed. Early mornings, late afternoons and occasional weekend work is expected from time to time.

Responsibilities:

- Primarily involved with data collection at two project sites
- Accurately enter and manage research data.
- Communicate on a weekly basis with cooperating farms and project leads.



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- Assist in the planting, maintaining, evaluating, and harvesting of agriculture research trials.
- Work with, or help with, the application of pest control products under appropriate supervision.
- Assist with tours at demonstration sites, performing literature searches and development of written documents such as fact sheets and blogs.

The successful applicant must be a self-starter and able to work independently. Successful candidates must be adaptable and able to adjust to different working styles. An agriculture or plant production interest or background would be an asset but is not a prerequisite. **In order to excel at this position, the successful applicant will:**

- be currently enrolled in an agriculture or related science degree, having completed at least 2 years of study.
- have a basic understanding of agronomic practices.
- be highly motivated with the ability to work independently.
- have strong organization and time management skills.
- must have excellent attention to detail.
- have strong written and verbal communication skills.
- be comfortable working outside in the elements.
- be able to lift 20 kg from time to time, as well as kneeling, bending, carrying supplies etc.
- be adaptable to various work environments.
- have access to a vehicle will be a requirement and the successful individual must be willing to live in the Annapolis Valley area for the work term.

Education Level: Minimum completion of second year of undergraduate study

Duration: The 6-month position will start May 4th and end October 29th, 2021

Work Week: 35 hours per week; some flexibility in working hours required.



Program(s) of Study: B.Sc. (Agriculture, Environmental Science, Biology)

To apply for this exciting new position at Perennia, please email a combined PDF or Word cover letter and resume noting compensation expectations to Janice MacMullin, Manager, Human Resources at hr@perennia.ca by noon on **Friday, Feb 12, 2021**.

Only those granted interviews will be contacted. For more information about Perennia visit their website at www.perennia.ca

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