

Summer Student/Research Assistant with Atlantic Tech Transfer Team for Apiculture (ATTTA)

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 full-time Summer Research Assistant for our Atlantic Tech Transfer Team. (Summer - 2022)

ATTTA is a research and extension-based program that works to enhance the honeybee industry for wild blueberry pollination throughout the Maritimes.

For more information, see our website at <http://www.perennia.ca/portfolio-items/honey-bees/>.

The Summer Research Assistant will work with ATTTA's apiculturists in conducting applied and on-farm research trials, and lab work. Data collection, working honeybee hives, and processing samples in the lab will be some of the regular duties. This position will be based out of our Bible Hill office. The position will require regular travel throughout Nova Scotia and the Maritimes for research projects. Travel expenses will be reimbursed. The approximate term will start in early May and run for 4 months. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a career as an Apiculturist.

Early mornings, late afternoons and occasional weekend work is expected from time to time. Project work will require extended periods of time outdoors as well as data entry and research preparation as needed.

The successful candidate will be properly trained in handling honeybees and will be provided with protective gear.

Responsibilities:

- Set up field trials and collect data from fields and honeybee hives.
- Assist with the application of pest control products under appropriate supervision.
- Accurately enter and manage research data.
- Maintain, transport and operate research equipment.
- Assist with tours at key demonstration sites.
- Perform literature searches and assist with written documents and fact sheets.

Requirements

- Currently enrolled in an agriculture, biology, or environmental science program.

- Previous experience with handling honeybees would be an asset.
- Previous work experience in proximity to bees (e.g. Crop scouting, harvesting) would be an asset.
- Previous study in bee biology or entomology would be advantageous.
- Highly motivated with the ability to work independently.
- Strong organization and time management skills
- Must have excellent attention to detail.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Comfortable working outside in the elements.
- Capable of lifting up to 20 kg.
- Self-starter and willing to accept responsibility.
- Adaptable to various work environments.
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License and access to a vehicle
- The ideal candidate should reside in close proximity to the Truro/Bible Hill area.

Education Level: Minimum completion of second year of undergraduate study

Duration: The 4-month position will run from May to August 2022

Work Week: 37.5 hours per week; some flexibility in working hours required.

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

To apply for this exciting new position at Perennia, please email a combined PDF or Word cover letter and resume to hr@perennia.ca by noon on **February 22, 2022**.

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

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