

# Join the team making real growth happen

Perennia Food and Agriculture Corporation is Nova Scotia's development agency focusing on the food sector. Our mission is to support success, transformation and economic development in Nova Scotia's agriculture, seafood, cannabis, and food and beverage sectors. That means our team of bright, engaged specialists are always learning, always evolving, and always ready to take on a new challenge. **So, what are you waiting for?**

## COME GROW WITH US.

### Summer Research Assistant Kentville, Nova Scotia

Do you have an interest in learning more about agriculture and supporting agriculture development in Nova Scotia? At Perennia, we look for highly energetic students with initiative and drive, who are looking for an opportunity to gain valuable experience and develop their competencies while working as part of a great team. We believe students are the very people who will help shape the industry and our future direction.

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 full-time Summer Research Assistants.

Summer Research Assistants will work as part of the **Field Research Team** to support our Agriculture Extension Division. This position will help implement and complete various on-farm research projects that are designed to increase efficiency and demonstrate innovative practices on farm. Positions will be based at the Kentville Perennia Field Research Site and are contingent upon receipt of funding. The terms of these positions may vary slightly based on research projects and availability of

candidates. However, 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 in agriculture.

This position is based in Kentville but will require regular travel within the Annapolis Valley (travel expenses reimbursed) and occasional travel around Nova Scotia. 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.

### Principal Responsibilities

The Summer Research Assistant's responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Assist in the planting, spraying, maintaining, evaluating, and harvesting of agriculture research trials.
- Accurately collect, enter, and manage research data.
- Maintain, transport, and operate research equipment.
- Assist with tours at key demonstration sites.
- Perform literature searches and assist with development of technical information (e.g. factsheets, videos, etc.).



### The ideal candidate will have:

- Currently enrolled in an agriculture or related science degree (Environmental Science, Biology), minimum completion of second year of undergraduate study
- 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
- A basic understanding of agronomic practices
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License
- Access to a vehicle would be an asset

### Experience Gained

#### The successful candidate:

- Will be exposed to a variety of agricultural research projects in the field. Student will be working closely with experienced scientists, pathologists, commodity specialists, and research associates.
- Will gain a broad understanding of the agri-food industry in Nova Scotia and the issues faced by local commodity growers.
- Will gain experience using diverse field equipment
- Will gain an understanding of the growth and analysis of agricultural commodity products as applied to real world situations. Examples collection of field trial data for efficacy and research projects, and exploratory research on new agricultural commodities for the support of Nova Scotia's rural economy.

This position will run from May 2023 to August 2023 for a period of 16 weeks. The work week will be 37.5 hours per week, with some flexibility in working hours required.

Multiple positions available.

To apply for this exciting position at Perennia, please email a combined PDF cover letter and resume noting potential start date if you were the successful candidate to **hr@perennia.ca** by noon on **February 3, 2023.**

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

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