Farm Machinery Mechanic

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Farm Machinery Mechanic

OMAFRA Research Stations, Office of Research

Hiring #: 2017-0405

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Foreman, Research Station Operations, the Farm Machinery Mechanic is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of a wide range of farm and research equipment totalling over $5.5 million in value including: combines, forage harvesters, sprayers (self-propelled, tractor-powered, hand pack), liquid and solid manure handling equipment, tractors (from 15 to 400HP), skid steer loaders, forklifts, backhoe, ploughs, cultivators, discs, packers, planters, seed drills, swathers, haybines, landscape equipment, farm trucks, augers, blowers, elevators. The mechanic is expected to nominally spend 90% of his time serving the needs of Research Station Operations and 10% serving the Elora Crops / Environment Research Station.

The incumbent provides a wide range of service, from preventative maintenance, equipment setup and calibration, oil changes, grease jobs, and routine servicing to complex engine and transmission repairs, on equipment ranging from relatively new and modern to equipment which is up to 50 years old. Responsibilities include machinery repair, design and fabrication of components for farm equipment, and modification of research equipment to better meet the needs of research programs. The incumbent services equipment from the following research stations: Alma, Arkell, Elora, Guelph, Ponsonby and Woodstock and is required to keep up to date on new developments with respect to the new machines that are acquired (through lease or purchase). The incumbent will also be required to maintain accurate records: to ensure that health and safety standards are being met, to ensure financial accountability, and to ensure that maintenance schedules for all equipment are being met. The Mechanic will occasionally fill in for a machinery operator in the busy spring, summer and fall seasons.

Requirements of the position include: an Agricultural Diploma in Farm Equipment Mechanics and a Farm Mechanic’s license (preferably Agricultural Equipment Technician certification) plus three years related experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. A certificate in welding is preferred. Additional requirements include: a general knowledge of farm and turfgrass equipment operation; a good knowledge of workplace health and safety standards and requirements; a proven record as a team player and the ability to work tactfully with co-workers, supervisors, students, faculty, other University staff, neighbors, suppliers, and station visitors; demonstrated ability to work independently as well as under supervision. Experience with electronics and computerized machinery would be a definite asset.

Candidates are expected to possess (preferred), or obtain in a timely manner; a valid Class DZ driver’s license (a Class AZ license would be an asset); a valid forklift certificate; a valid transportation of dangerous goods certificate; and training in CPR and First Aid.

The job requires physical strength, stamina, frequent lifting, and a diverse range of motions for a wide-variety of activities. Exposure to weather extremes, odours, noise, dust and dangerous chemicals are unpleasant aspects of this position. Occasional overtime and weekend work is...
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required.

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Classification OSSTF/TARA, District 35 Salary Band 5
Normal Hiring Range $24.56 – $27.42 per hour

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion [2] is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution.

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