R2B2 Economist

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School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, Ontario Agricultural College

Temporary full-time from April 2019 to March 31, 2021

Hiring #: 2019-0245

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Lead Researcher of the Regional and Rural Broadband (R2B2) project, the R2B2 Economist is responsible for collecting, analyzing and reporting economic data; implementing modelling for evidence-based decision-making to SWIFT; and collaborating in knowledge generation with University of Guelph researchers. He/she will also be responsible for: creating analytical tools and manipulating statistical and econometric data used in regional and rural broadband policy and programs; maintaining databases of relevant literature and economic data; ensures security in all data management and distribution through a secure server; economic data acquisition, management and modelling; liaising with the GIS specialist as required on spatial data to ensure its compatibility with statistical data; providing quality assurance and quality control of source data and documents used in the ongoing development and maintenance of the econometric databases; establishing research products, data models, formats, and templates for reporting to partners, researchers and funding agencies; providing input into thematic reports and presentation materials for researchers, staff and technical consultants as required; supporting project management related duties, as requested; and performing other related duties, as assigned.

Requirements of the position include: Completion of a Masters of Science in Economics, Finance or related field plus a minimum of two (2) years related professional work experience. A PhD is preferred. The position requires: sound technical knowledge of economic analysis and software (Stata, SAS, SPSS); expert knowledge of econometrics and statistics including relevant datasets (e.g. StatsCan, etc.); comprehensive knowledge of Windows based software (Word, Excel, Power Point, E-mail (Outlook)); knowledge of broadband or ICT analysis; evidence of scientific writing and publications; experience with analytical and evaluative skills for technical report writing and professional presentations; superior interpersonal and communication (verbal and written) skills including the ability to convey technical information to a non-technical audience; and exceptional capacity to think critically and solve technical problems individually and in a group setting.

The following would be considered an asset: knowledge of ESRI ArcGIS, Geocortex and HTML editors; knowledge of telecommunications or IT field; experience in rural, municipal or community economic development; and experience in community engagement. The position is expected to maintain a professional image with external partners, governments, other outside organizations, and the public. The position requires some travelling throughout southwestern Ontario.

Classification  Grant/ Trust fund position, P03 (P&M grid)

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