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 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 though 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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