Agricultural Assistant, Aquaculture

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Agricultural Assistant, Aquaculture

Alma Aquaculture Research Station, OMAFRA Research Stations, Office of Research

Hiring #: 2019-0662

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The Alma Aquaculture Research Station [2] (AARS) is seeking an Agricultural Assistant.

The AARS provides facilities and resources for large-scale aquaculture research and for import quarantine. University of Guelph faculty collaborate with members of the private sector and other educational and research facilities on various research related to commercial aquaculture. Areas of discipline have included engineering, nutrition and feed formulation, reproductive and growth physiology, reproductive technologies, genetics and breeding, waste management, health and animal welfare.

Reporting to the Manager, the Agricultural Assistant will participate in the operation and maintenance of a facility devoted to aquaculture research, development and production, including the operation of the water and wastewater treatment centres, quarantine and isolation units, recirculation research facilities, photoperiod control facilities, hatchery and early rearing facility and numerous wet labs for both production and research purposes. Work activities include all aspects of fish culture (feeding, broodstock selection and maintenance, early rearing and fish grow-out), data collection and record keeping. Additional work activities include routine janitorial activities, routine maintenance of machinery (pumps, blowers, compressors, power tools), vehicles (snow blower, riding lawn mower, truck, all-terrain vehicle, tractor) and equipment (nets, feeders, etc.), general maintenance and upkeep of facilities (including painting, carpentry, mechanical and minor plumbing and electrical activities), grounds keeping (maintenance of parking lot, access roads, shrubs, trees and grass), snow removal, assisting external service personnel as needed.

The successful candidate will have organizational skills, attentive to detail, and be able to work independently and as part of a team, have good communication and interpersonal skills. This job involves frequent lifting and a diverse range of motions for a wide variety of activities.

Requirements:

- Must have completed a 2-year community college program in a related field (undergraduate degree preferred)
- Must have one year experience with fish and/or aquaculture
- Knowledge of cultured fish species including salmonids, sturgeon and tilapia
- Competency with Microsoft Office, word processing, spreadsheets and databases
- Familiarity with operation of tractors, all-terrain vehicles and riding mowers
- Class G driver’s license
- Developed mechanical and electrical skills related to water pumps and water delivery systems
- Willing to work outdoors in all weather
- Participate in rotating on-call, weekend and holiday schedules

Position Number 447-104
Classification OSSTF/TARA, District 35 Salary Band 4*
Salary Range $23.25 Minimum (Level 1)
$25.98 Normal Hiring Limit (Level 3)
$31.44 Job Rate (Level 7)

*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review.

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