Arborist

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Grounds Department, Physical Resources

Hiring #: 2020-0020

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Manager, Grounds Department, the incumbent conducts inspections and evaluations of trees and other woody plants, and generally maintains campus trees and other woody plants. Specific responsibilities include: performing tree maintenance, including pruning, cabling and bracing; identifying potentially hazardous trees and other tree-related problems; removing trees as appropriate; recognizing diseases and insect problems of trees and other woody plants, and applying appropriate treatments; in conjunction with the supervisor, identifying risks related to trees and other woody plants, monitoring and taking action as appropriate; maintaining and updating the electronic tree inventory; maintaining accurate records as required; creating written reports; assisting with snow removal operations as required; and performing other duties as assigned, including those of equal or lower classifications. The Arborist must communicate appropriately and effectively with co-workers and potentially any member of the campus community, and may occasionally be required to provide functional guidance to helpers and/or students.

In the course of carrying out the responsibilities of this position, the incumbent will be required to: perform manual tree climbing using approved climbing and safety equipment and techniques; operate University vehicles and equipment (e.g. bucket truck, chipper, tractor/loader, stump grinder, sprayer, chain saw, hydraulic polesaw, and associated hand tools, etc.) in accordance with prescribed University safety regulations and policies, including performing user inspections and ensuring proper maintenance by reporting any suspected mechanical defect of equipment or vehicles to Transportation Services; always working within established safety practices and in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act; following University and departmental policies and procedures.

Requirements of the position include: Secondary School diploma; community college diploma (two-year program) in Arboriculture or Forestry; valid Arborist certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA); Tree Risk Assessment Qualification credential (TRAQ); a valid class DZ driver’s license, together with a minimum two years of experience in all types of arboricultural work including pruning, tree removal, cabling, bracing, stumping, planting and fertilizing. Also required are proficiency with ArcGIS Online, and knowledge of data valuation and use as related to urban forest management. Experience climbing trees and working at heights using approved equipment and safety procedures, including awareness of energized conductors, is also required, as is experience operating the wide variety of equipment used in this position, including a hydraulic chainsaw and bucket operation of an aerial truck. Also required are computer proficiency, including with Word and Excel; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; and proven ability to work effectively both individually with minimal supervision, and as a member of a team.

Position Number 862-044
Classification CUPE Band 6*
0-3 month rate $27.60 per hour
Job Rate $29.05 per hour
Vacancy Original
Work Location Potentially any location on the University’s Guelph campus
*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review.

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.

Posting Date: 2020 01 06
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