Research Technician, Vegetable Production

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Ridgetown Campus

Temporary full-time from March 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021
Temporary absence of the regular incumbent
Hiring #: 2021-0039

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The position of Vegetable Production Technician is responsible for the vegetable crop management program at the Ridgetown Campus which includes cropping systems research on fresh and processing vegetables. Typical crops grown in the research program include field peas, sweet corn, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, cucumbers, and sugarbeets. The position is responsible for planning, organizing, conducting, summarizing and analyzing research from over 1,600 small field plots annually. The position has to schedule specified treatment applications, maintain and manage a field laboratory, operate specialized equipment and prepare extension summaries and/or annual reports.

The position is also responsible for hiring, training, instructing and supervising 2 to 3 seasonal fulltime employees. The quality of the data collected is critical to the creditability of the data being published and disseminated. The technician is responsible for machinery and research land base maintenance and improvements.

Requirements for the position include:

- Undergraduate Degree in a related field (Agriculture preferred) with three to five (3-5) years of related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Professional certification in Grower Pesticide Safety Certificate and Ontario Ministry of Environmental Pesticide Applicator’s License is required
- Thorough understanding and knowledge of vegetable crop production practices, tillage practices, integrated pest management techniques, and small and large agricultural equipment use
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc., and experience with specialized research data management software or statistical analysis programs is a definite asset
- Strong communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills are needed, as are superior organizational and time management skills

This appointment is regularly performed on-campus but will be partially fulfilled remotely (off-campus) until the field season begins.

(Covering) Position Number 462-041
Classification OSSTF/TARA, District 35 Salary Band 7
Normal Hiring Range $29.77 – $33.24 per hour

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