Research Technician, Vegetable Production

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Ridgetown Campus

Temporary full-time from July 25, 2022 to February 22, 2024
Temporary absence of the regular incumbent
Hiring #: 2022-0238

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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 sugar beets. 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 full-time student 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 a minimum of three (3) years of related experience working with field plots and summarizing/analyzing research. The position requires professional certification in Grower Pesticide Safety Certificate, and Ontario Ministry of Environmental Pesticide Applicator’s License. The position requires a thorough understanding and knowledge of vegetable crop production practices, tillage practices, integrated pest management techniques, and small and large agricultural equipment use. Proficiency in word processing, specialized research data management software, statistical analysis programs, Power Point and Excel spreadsheets is a definite asset. Strong communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills are needed, as are superior organizational and time management skills.

(Covering) Position Number   463-041
Classification               OSSTF/TARA, District 35 Salary Band 7
Normal Hiring Range  $30.07 – $33.57 per hour

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