SEASONAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN
NW Michigan Horticultural Research Station in Traverse City, MI, seeks a research technician to assist in experiment design, data collection, and data analysis from May-August. Must be able to work independently, think critically, and communicate with fruit growers and researchers. College Science background preferred. M-F, 40 hours/wk. $10/hr.

Job Requirements:
1. Must understand basic scientific research, which includes experimental design, basic analysis, and reporting.

2. Must be able to write technically (research reports, grower letters, grant-related materials)

3. Must be able to research scientific literature and comprehend information to apply it to current research projects.

4. Must be able to think critically.

5. Must be able to communicate well with superiors, staff at the NWMHRS, fruit growers, and campus faculty (communication includes both written and oral).

6. Must be a team player--which includes working well with all team members on many various research projects.

7. Must be flexible as we have many research projects to accomplish this growing season. Flexibility includes hours of work (i.e. 10 hours on day followed by a 6 hour day) and ability to work on a variety of project-related tasks.

8. Must be physically capable of field work, which includes research design layout and data collection. Must be able to work in conditions that are not always ideal (i.e. occasional rainy or chilly day).

9. Must have a valid driver’s license and a vehicle to complete field work.

10. Must be able to open to learning new ideas, new ways of thinking and must be able to relate that knowledge to current research projects.
11. A general list of potential everyday duties: flagging research sites, checking insect traps, data collection, data analysis, report writing, communicating with growers, experimental design and set up, observation collecting, literature searches, email and letters to grower cooperators and campus faculty.

Please send cover letter and resume to Karen at:

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