POME FRUIT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

Organization: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Division: Agriculture Development Branch
City: Simcoe
Job Term: 1 Temporary assignment/contract for up to 10 months
Job Code: 12124 - Industrial Development Officer 3
Salary: $1,356.49 - $1,731.39 Per Week*
Posting Status: Open Targeted
Job ID: 74770

Help us transform new research and ideas into practical programs, products and services which will ensure Ontario's horticulture sector remains competitive and environmentally responsible both now and into the future.

What can I expect to do in this role?

In this role, you will:
• act as the provincial Integrated Pest Management Specialist for pome fruit
• lead Ontario's technology transfer activities through the development, coordination and implementation of strategies, policies and programs related to pest management in pome fruit
• coordinate projects designed to assess the applicability of new and existing practices, products, technologies and programs to Ontario's horticulture production sector
• prepare educational and awareness building tools to facilitate change
• act as a liaison between the research community and industry

How do I qualify?

Mandatory
• In order to conduct site visits at rural and remote locations, you must hold a valid Ontario driver’s licence.

Technical knowledge:
• You have expert knowledge of the pome fruit industry.
• You have expert knowledge of the insects and diseases and associated control options that impact pome fruit production in Ontario.
• You have advanced knowledge of pome fruit production practices, economics and marketing to assist clients in improving their competitive position.
• You have knowledge of the broader Ontario agricultural industry (economics, social importance, roles and mandates of farm and commodity organizations).
• You understand the environmental issues and their impacts on pome fruit production.

Research, analytical and problem solving skills:
• You have advanced knowledge of research methods and practices to investigate the viability and applicability of new methods techniques and technologies of crop pest avoidance and control.
• You can analyze research findings and make recommendations.
• You can develop innovative strategies and solutions in response to client requirements.

Consultation and facilitation skills:
• You can conduct needs assessments and incorporate results in the development of training and educational materials.
• You can encourage and motivate agricultural and rural organizations to develop and support policies and programs that encourage the adoption and maintenance of sustainable practices in their agricultural and rural communities.

Communication and interpersonal skills:
• You can develop professional documents, reports and educational materials using clear, concise language.
• You can present information, options and recommendations in a clear, concise and logical manner.
• You have interpersonal skills to develop and maintain effective provincial, national and international working relationships and partnerships with clients.

**Other important skills:**
• You have planning and coordination skills to manage project activities and resource requirements.
• You have financial administration skills to administer contracts for service providers and forecasting and monitoring project budgets.
• You are proficient with a variety of computer applications such as e-mail, internet, word processing, spreadsheet, statistical analysis, database.

**Additional information:**

**Address:**
1 Temporary, duration up to 10 months, 1283 Blue Line Rd, Simcoe, West Region

**Compensation** Ontario Public Service Employees Union

**Group:**

**Schedule:** 6

**Category:** Agriculture

**Posted on:** Friday, February 6, 2015

**Note:**
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**How to apply:**

1. You must apply online by visiting www.ontario.ca/careers. You must enter the job id number in the Job ID search field to locate the job ad.
2. Your cover letter and resume combined should not exceed five (5) pages. For tips and tools on how to write a concise cover letter and resume, review the Writing a Cover Letter and Resume: Tips, Tools and Resources.
3. Customize your cover letter and resume to the qualifications listed on the job ad. Using concrete examples, you must show how you demonstrated the requirements for this job. We rely on the information you provide to us.
4. Read the job description to make sure you understand this job.
5. OPS employees are required to quote their WIN EMPLOYEE ID number when applying.
6. If you require a disability related accommodation in order to participate in the recruitment process, please Contact Us to provide your contact information. Recruitment Services staff will contact you within 48 hours.

All external applicants (including former employees of the Ontario Public Service) applying to a competition in a ministry or Commission public body must disclose (either in the cover letter or resume) previous employment with the Ontario Public Service. Disclosure must include positions held, dates of employment and any active restrictions as applicable from being rehired by the Ontario Public Service. Active restrictions can include time and/or ministry-specific restrictions currently in force, and may preclude a former employee from being offered a position with the Ontario Public Service for a specific time period (e.g. one year), or from being offered a position with a specific ministry (either for a pre-determined time period or indefinitely). The circumstances around an employee's exit will be considered prior to an offer of employment. Remember: The deadline to apply is Friday, February 27, 2015 11:59 pm EST. Late applications will not be accepted.

We thank you for your interest. Only those selected for further screening or an interview will be contacted.

The Ontario Public Service is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

*Indicates the salary listed as per the OPSEU Collective Agreement.