



Agriculture and
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Name of Position: CO-OP–Agricultural Ecology Research Assistant

Posting ID: BRDC-2024-CO-OP-002

Number of Jobs Being Offered: 1

Duration of Employment: 29-April-2024 to 30-August-2024 – Full time

Deadline for Applications: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Organization: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

For further information about our organization, please visit <https://agriculture.canada.ca/>

Work Location: Brandon Research & Development Centre, Brandon, Manitoba

Language Requirement: English Essential

Job Description: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is seeking motivated and innovative students to work in Canada's Agriculture and Agri-Food sector. AAFC offers students positions at the Brandon Research and Development Centre providing valuable work experience through practical and meaningful employment. The successful applicant will participate and acquire skills in scientific studies focused on evaluating the health of grassland and pasture plant communities and soil. Under the supervision of scientific staff, duties will include: preparing for field work; disinfecting vehicles and small equipment; collecting and processing soil and plant samples; making plant community observations; and entering and quality-checking data. Additional opportunities may include assisting with woodland and riparian health assessments; collecting samples and data related to fungi, insects and birds or other wildlife; and creating documents related to photographic data collections.

Specializations: Agriculture, Biology, Plant Science, Soil Science, Environmental Science, Agricultural Ecology

Working conditions:

- Working with a small team and working alone for a few hours
- Working around farm equipment, hand tools, ovens and grinders
- Exposure to flies, beetles, worms, wood ticks, spiders, mosquitoes, sun, rain, humidity, noise, dust, rodents, soil, plants
- Some travel outside of Brandon is required
- Must be able to crouch, bend, carry up to 5-10 kgs, walking over uneven terrain

Skills:

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Highly motivated with the ability to work independently
- Teamwork

To be eligible for the Post-secondary Co-op/Internship Programs, you must:

- Have full-time student status by the academic institution in which you are presently enrolled; and
- Be enrolled in a PSC approved Co-op/Internship program.

<https://www5.psc-cfp.gc.ca/coop/noitcanoitutsnimargorphraes.do>

Citizenship: Preference will be given to **Canadian Citizens** and **Permanent Residents** (see definitions below)

Definitions:

A **Canadian Citizen** is a person who is Canadian by birth or who has applied for Canadian citizenship through **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada** and has received a Citizenship Certificate.

A **Permanent Resident** is someone who has been given permanent resident status by immigrating to Canada, but is not a Canadian citizen.

A **Canadian Work Permit** is a temporary resident **Visa** issued by **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada** to grant permission to foreign workers seeking to engage in employment in Canada.

A **Study Permit** is a document that gives you permission to study and remain in Canada on a temporary basis.

Conditions of Employment:

- Reliability Security Clearance
- Valid Provincial Driver's License (Class 5 or equivalent)

Hours of Work: Monday – Friday, 7.5 hours per day / 37.5 hours per week

Hourly Rates of Pay: Current Rates of Pay as per Treasury Board Secretariat Student Rates of Pay.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/pay/rates-pay/student-rates-pay.html>

Additional Information:

This is an on-site position. Brandon Research & Development Centre, Brandon, Manitoba, does not have public transportation access to our facility nor housing accommodations. You will be required to provide your own transportation to the Centre. If you need to relocate, you will be required to locate your own housing in Brandon and to pay your own relocation and housing costs.

Google Map: [BRDC - 2701 Grand Valley Road, Brandon, MB](#)

To be considered for this opportunity, please submit:

- Resume
- Will be required to provide Proof of Citizenship when requested
- Refer to Posting ID: **BRDC-2024-CO-OP-002 – Agricultural Ecology Research Assistant** in all correspondence.

Applications may be submitted through University CO-OP portal or by email to sharon.ward@agr.gc.ca.