

Organization: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Agri-Environment Services Branch

Position: Soil Conservation Technician –Summer Student

Location: Morden, Manitoba

Duration: April 30 to August 31, 2012

Hours: Full Time, 37.5 per week

Job Description:

The Agri-Environment Services Branch has an opening for one summer student to support the Manitoba Region's applied research and knowledge transfer activities. Working with professional and technical staff in the Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Ag Land Unit, the candidate will support projects aimed increasing understanding of the effectiveness of beneficial management practices to mitigate the environmental risks associated with agricultural activities and promoting effective practices to farmers.

Main duties will include:

- Collection of field data including soil and forage sampling;
- Providing assistance to professional staff in the analysis of field data;
- Liaising with other AESB and AAFC staff, producers, and other resource technicians and professionals as required;
- Supporting the development of technical transfer materials to the sector, including communication materials.

Qualifications:

- Successful completion of one to three years of study in the Department of Agriculture, specializing in soil science, agronomy, agro-ecology, or others other applicable fields of study, and or other Disciplines related to the duties of the position;
- Experience in conducting field work, or related experience in working in a field environment;
- Knowledge of farming systems and land management practices and agri-environmental issues in Manitoba;
- Teamwork, Adaptability, Initiative
- A farm or rural background is considered an asset but not required
- Proficiency in English

Working Conditions

The candidate must be willing and able to travel provincially and have valid driver's licence or personal mobility to the degree associated with the possession of a valid driver's licence. And the candidate must be willing and able to conduct field work in all weather conditions.

Inquires:

Please refer any questions to Nicole Mischuk, A/Manager, Sustainable Agricultural Systems & Ag Land Unit, Manitoba Region, AAFC-AESB, Phone: 204.983.4034 or email: Nicole.Mischuk@agr.gc.ca

To Apply:

If you are interested in being considered for this summer employment opportunity, please submit your resume by email to Nicole Mischuk at Nicole.Mischuk@agr.gc.ca on or before **March 2, 2012**.

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.