

Agriculture Research Co-Ordinator

Apple Industry Prince Edward Island, Canada

Job Title	Tree Fruit Industry Research Co-ordinator
Location	Various Orchard locations across PEI
Employer	PEIFTA/PEIAGA
Position	Full time, 75 hours bi-weekly, flexible working arrangements may be available as per season dictates.
Salary	\$25.00 per hour ( to be negotiated on experience)
Closing Date	Dec 10, 2020 at 12 noon
Commencing	Jan 2021 until March 2023, initially
	<p>The Apple Industry on PEI has and continues to grow substantially each year. The Tree Fruit Growers Association is now in the position to offer this new and exciting role as a Research Co-Ordinator.</p> <p>Reporting to the Board of Directors this position works to provide production advice to assist PEI Tree Fruit Growers, to increase capability, enhance the skills needed to improve tree health, productivity and enhance competitiveness.</p>
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the growth and development of a fast-emerging, diverse, high value, sustainable and climate smart agriculture on PEI.</li> <li>• Identify trial, develop and communicate agronomic best practices for sustainable production of this high value industry.</li> <li>• Prepare research and funding proposals with all stakeholder groups to develop research programs and trials.</li> <li>• Conduct and co-ordinate market research activities to ensure PEI's Apples are actively branded and marketed effectively and efficiently for all stakeholders.</li> <li>• Organize and co-ordinate growers both new and experienced, specialists, educational activities/demonstrations both on and off the farm to enable apple grower's success and sustainability.</li> <li>• Development and implementation of soil health, tree nutrition and Integrated Pest Management Strategies, ensuring all PEI agri-regulations are adhered to.</li> <li>• Advising growers, industry organizations on recent research and beneficial management practices.</li> <li>• Contribute to the continuing development of the strong and robust Apple Industry Association.</li> <li>• Co-ordinating and leading association meetings, orchard tours in a timely manor</li> <li>• Creating connections with regional/national experts specializing in apple tree agronomy</li> <li>• Attend relevant Industry Training opportunities and to disseminated knowledge to all stakeholders</li> </ul>

<p>Qualifications/experience</p> <p><b>EITHER</b></p> <p><b>A DEGREE</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>EXPERIENCE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Either:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A Degree M.Sc. (preferred) with at least one degree in a field that relates to the responsibilities of this position such as horticulture, plant science &amp; physiology, entomology, or plant pathology with a minimum of two years' experience working in the apple industry with direct experience in pest management with respect to apples/or extension preferred.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minimum of five years' experience working in the apple/tree fruit industry with direct experience in pest management with respect to apples/or extension preferred.</li> <li>• Rural experience with an understanding and appreciation of general horticultural practices</li> <li>• Current subject matter expertise related to apple production, pest &amp; disease management, fertility, production economics, and orchard business management</li> <li>• Demonstrated skills in interpreting and applying evidence-based information and research findings</li> <li>• Experience in technology-based knowledge transfer to the agriculture industry</li> <li>• Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage multiple projects, as well as an understanding of, or willingness to learn, consulting skills</li> <li>• Highly effective interpersonal skills and the ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds</li> <li>• Demonstrated skills in planning and implementing educational workshops, and knowledge of adult learning principles</li> <li>• Excellent written and oral communication skills</li> <li>• Excellent interpersonal skills</li> <li>• Skills in Computer Applications</li> <li>• Valid Driver's Licence and own transportation</li> </ul>
<p>Application</p>	<p>Email applications only accepted with a resume and covering letter demonstrating how you meet the requirements of the post. Only candidates who have been granted interviews will be contacted. Previous applicants no need to apply. Please note: The successful candidate will be the only individual receiving written notification of competition results. Candidates must have the legal right to work in Canada. The Fruit Tree Growers Association is an equal opportunity employer.</p>
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