

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Company: Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI)

Position: Summer Opportunities (Approximately 5 positions available)

Application Deadline Date: **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

Description: MAFRI offers 16 week positions for student summer employment, beginning April 30, 2012.

Hours per week – 36 ¼

Salary: Approximately \$11.94 per hour

Location: Potential for positions in Winnipeg, Carman and Portage area.

Duties:

Students will work with MAFRI staff in a variety of field crops such as; forage seed, pulses, fruit and vegetables or in a laboratory setting receiving and preparing plant and insect samples for analysis.

A broad overview of activities could include:

- Management and maintenance of field plots and trials including data gathering and management
- Assist with the preparation of summer field tours and the Crop Diagnostic School
- Preparation, collection and identification of insect and disease samples
- Assisting in office activities and with client services

Experience Gained:

- General lab practices including culturing disease, dissecting specimens and using microscopes
- Knowledge of field scouting methodology and protocols
- Knowledge of crop and weed identification and staging and pests
- Utilization of field and plot equipment
- Navigational skills using maps and GPS
- Project management skills
- Computer programs such as AgroBase, Microsoft FrontPage, Excel and Access

Qualifications:

- **Minimum 1st year student currently in school and returning to full-time studies in September 2012**
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle

Skills Required:

- Organizational, program planning and delivery skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to multi-task, work independently and in a team environment

Students must be registered with STEP Services (at the time of application) by completing the student application online at: www.studentjobs.gov.mb.ca

Local candidates are given priority for jobs in their communities.

Employment Equity is a selection factor. Applicants are requested to indicate if they are from any of the following groups: women, aboriginal people, visible minorities or persons with disabilities.

Please submit resume and cover letter to:

Quote: Crops Knowledge Centre in the subject line

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