



**Manitoba
Beekeepers'
Association**

Position: Field/Laboratory Technician

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Employment Period: April 2022 – October 2022 (possibility of extension, funding dependant)

Application Closing Date: March 18, 2022

The Knowledge & Research Transfer Program (KRTP), established in 2021, is Manitoba's first Tech Transfer Program for apiculture, providing extension services to Manitoba's beekeeping industry and carrying out applied field research projects. During its first year, the program focused on developing educational materials and programming, including the Bee Health Monitoring Program that works directly with beekeepers to collect samples and help interpret diagnostic results. The KRTP research apiary was also established, and a study was conducted on oxalic acid vapourization. The KRTP aims to expand its capacity in year two and is seeking a competent field/laboratory assistant for the upcoming 2022 season. This is a six-month term position that will ideally commence mid-late April, but there is a possibility of extending the position into the winter, funding permitting.

The ideal candidate would have good prior beekeeping experience with good knowledge of honey bee biology, diseases, and pests. The candidate will work directly with beekeepers in the field, and as such, the job will require substantial travel throughout the province, including some overnight stays.

Responsibilities and Activities:

- Managing research apiary colonies and assisting with research activities (including colony management, data collection, and bee sampling)
- Coordinating visits to MB beekeeping operations to monitor colonies and collect samples
- Processing bee samples in the laboratory
- Assisting with the planning, preparation, and delivery of beekeeping workshops and presentations
- Communicating with the MB beekeeping industry via social media, phone, and email

Desired Skills and Abilities:

- Science degree (complete or in progress)
- Previous experience working with honey bee colonies
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Good organizational & communication skills and an ability to work directly with beekeepers and maintain a cordial attitude
- Strong attention to detail
- Knowledge of honey bee biology, diseases, and pests
- Experience sampling honey bee colonies for diseases/pests is an asset
- Ability to perform heavy physical labour (lifting heavy honey supers) and work in difficult working conditions (inclement weather, excessive heat) for extended periods
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License

Compensation and Details:

- \$19 - \$22/hr depending on previous experience and education
- 35-40 hours/week (depending on funding) with some flexibility, including working from home when duties allow
- A work truck will be provided for work-related activities (during work hours)
- Beekeeping equipment (suit, gloves, tools) to be provided

How to Apply: Please submit resume and cover letter to krtymb@gmail.com. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.