

Position: Field and Lab Technician (Full time)

Organization: Manitoba Knowledge and Research Transfer Program for Apiculture (MB-KRTP)

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Application Closing Date: April 1st, 2024

Employment Period: Permanent full-time position

The ideal candidate has prior beekeeping experience with a strong knowledge of honey bee biology, pests and diseases, and familiarity with basic research methods. The candidate will be responsible for the management of KRTP research colonies, supporting commercial and non-commercial beekeepers by providing services offered by the KRTP. As well as developing and delivering educational content, data collection and analysis, and report writing.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING:

Responsibilities

- Managing multiple apiary sites and assisting with research activities including colony management, data collection and analysis, processing samples in the lab
- Assisting with the planning, preparation, and delivery of beekeeping workshops and presentations
- Communicating with the MB beekeeping industry via social media, phone, and email
- Coordinating visits to MB beekeeping operations to monitor and sample colonies
- Effectuating field, lab, and office work in a timely manner
- Record keeping and administrative tasks

Key Results: Effective and efficient management and coordination of the technical work and operational support of the program

Required Competencies

- Results focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building effective relationships (esp. with local and national apiculture community)
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement
- Organization & communication skills
- Responsible and reliable
- Valid driver's license

Assets

- Post-secondary education, such as a university degree or other diploma
- Previous experience with honey bees
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Attention to detail; strong critical and analytical thinking
- Knowledge of honey bee biology, diseases and pests
- Ability to perform heavy physical labour and manage working in difficult working conditions (inclement weather, excessive heat) for extended periods

Compensation and details:

- \$25/hr, negotiable depending on previous experience and education
- 35-40 hours/week with some flexibility, including working from home when duties allow
- Employee benefits available
- May require some overtime hours during high season (within reason)
- A work vehicle will be provided for work-related activities
- Beekeeping equipment (suit, gloves, tools) will be provided

How to Apply: Please submit a CV and cover letter to krtpmb@gmail.com

Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

More about the KRTP:

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 community and carrying out applied research projects. Over the past three years, the KRTP has developed educational materials and a pest and disease monitoring program that works directly with beekeepers to collect samples and help interpret diagnostic results. KRTP apiaries were established and expanded to enable the undertaking of research projects with various focuses such as oxalic acid application, novel RNAi varroa control treatments, plant-based extracts for varroa control, and an assessment of honey bee feed quality. The KRTP is seeking to expand its capacity with a full-time field/laboratory technician who will be able to significantly contribute to our team reaching annual objectives of supporting beekeepers and advancing knowledge and best practices in apiculture.

Links to organization:

<https://manitobabee.org/hive/krtp/>

www.facebook.com/krtpmb/

Instagram: @krtpmb