

Job Posting

Job Title Student Worker Paraprofessional

Job ID 30288

Location Staples

Full/Part Time Full-Time

Regular/Temporary Limited

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Job Details

Job Class: Student Worker Paraprofessional

Who May Apply: Open to all qualified job seekers.

Date Posted: 02/08/2019

Closing Date: 02/21/2019

Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit: Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Division/Unit: Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division (PFMD)/Fertilizer Field Unit

Work Shift/Work Hours: Day Shift

Days of Work: Monday - Friday

Travel Required: Yes

Salary Range: \$14.47 - \$16.95/hourly

Classified Status: Unclassified

Connect 700 Program Eligible: No

Job Summary

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This full-time, temporary vacancy is anticipated to be May through September 2019.

This position is located at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) field office in Staples, MN and supports Fertilizer Management staff in the development, promotion, and evaluation of nitrogen fertilizer best management practices. Typical work activities include: 1) collection and processing of water, soil, plant and manure samples, 2) analysis of water samples, 3) field data collection, 4) data management and 5) equipment management.

Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications

Are enrolled in a post-secondary education program or planning to enroll within three months.

Ability to read maps and find locations in rural areas.

Basic computer skills, including email, word processing, spreadsheets and digital photography.

Must have a valid driver's license and an acceptable motor vehicle record subject to review.

Student Worker eligibility status:

To be eligible for appointment as a Student Worker you must be a student enrolled in an educational program or planning to enroll within three months. Students may be "off" for the summer or for one semester/quarter and remain employed as student workers, but such absences cannot exceed one semester/quarter in a year. As a student you must be enrolled in high school or in a post-secondary or graduate program. If a student is enrolled at a credit-granting institution he/she must carry at least six semester (nine quarter) credits. If enrolled at a non-credit granting institution or one that only offers one credit per class, a student must be taking two or more classes per semester/quarter. Any lesser credit (class) load shall be treated as a semester/quarter off. Graduate students must be enrolled in at least two courses or making progress on a dissertation. You will be asked to complete an Educational Verification form prior to appointment.

Preferred Qualifications

One or more years of post-secondary education experience.

Ability to use the scientific method for samples and data collection.

Basic laboratory skills in terms of safety, sample handling, measuring and data recording.

Basic knowledge and understanding of the water cycle, soils and surface geology.

An understanding of Midwest agricultural production systems, especially irrigated agriculture.

Experience in collecting water, soil and plant samples.

Experience installing and maintaining water sampling equipment.

Experience in analyzing water samples.

Experience using hand and power tools, such as shovel, auger, hammer, saw, drill, etc.

Advanced computer skills in the area of spreadsheets, database and GIS.

Physical Requirements

This position requires at times physically demanding labor, long work days and driving and hiking to remote locations. This includes lifting and carrying up to 60 pounds of supplies, samples and equipment, digging with shovels and negotiating trails through wooded, overgrown or otherwise obstructed pathways which may be flat, but are also likely to be quite steep and occasionally rocky. The use of hand and power tools may also be required.

Additional Requirements

This position requires conducting independent field work in any season, working in physically challenging environments including cold, windy and snowy conditions during winter months as well as rainy, hot or humid conditions in the summer, while paying strict attention to work and safety protocols.

In addition to regular daytime working hours, the position may at times require evening hours to attend advisory team, local governmental or educational meetings.

Application Details

Why Work For Us

What's Great About This Position:

- Builds experience in the fields of hydrogeology, agriculture, and environmental science.
- Works with a group of professionals who are tops in their field.
- Offers a mix of activities including field sample collection and lab analysis.
- Addresses current issues of agriculture production and environmental protection.

How to Apply

Click "Apply" at the bottom of this page. If you are unable to apply online, please contact the job information line at 651.259.3637.

For additional information about the application process, go to <http://www.mn.gov/careers>.

Contact

If you have questions about the position, contact Luke Stuewe at luke.stuewe@state.mn.us or 218.846.7425.

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