



Exciting Opportunity:

Technician Position at Ontario Beekeepers' Association - Technology Transfer Program (TTP)

About Us:

Are you passionate about the world of bees and eager to contribute to cutting-edge research and knowledge transfer? The Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) is inviting applications for a Technician to join our esteemed Technology Transfer Program (TTP). This is a fantastic chance to be an integral part of a vibrant and dynamic team dedicated to the health and sustainability of Ontario's beekeeping community.

Position: Technician – OBA TTP

Location: Guelph Ontario, Canada

Job Description:

As a Technician within the TTP, you will work closely with the TTP Lead, contributing to the day-to-day operations of the program. Reporting to the OBA TTP Lead, you will actively engage in research, knowledge transfer, and beekeeping activities, supporting the OBA's mission to empower its members and stakeholders.

Responsibilities:

Research and Knowledge Transfer:

- Collaborate with the TTP Lead on various research and training initiatives.
- Work as a vital member of a cohesive research and training team.
- Conduct and assist in projects/trials, including lab/yard/office duties as needed.
- Develop and deliver workshops and courses for diverse audiences.
- Attend and speak at meetings to support TTP objectives.
- Support the Ontario Bee Breeding Associations (OBBA) Ontario Resistant Honey Bee Selection (ORHBS) breeding program.
- Maintain the TTP website (if capable) and provide technical information through various OBA communication channels.

Administration and Management:

- Manage OBA/TTP resources, including equipment, supplies, and bee yards.
- Maintain the office, answer emails/phone calls, and provide staff support to the OBA Board and committees.
- Drive work vehicle(s) as needed.
- Travel for project/trial completion, training provision, and meetings.

Education:

- Preferred candidate may have a Bachelor of Science with coursework in entomology, biology, animal husbandry, and/or agrifood or agriculture.
- Preferred coursework in apiculture, project management, training provision, and/or research conduct and management.

**Experience:**

- Ideal candidate with experience in a vibrant team environment and autonomous work.
- Two years or more experience in a team setting.
- One year or more experience in field or laboratory research.
- One year or more experience delivering training to diverse audiences.
- Preferred candidate will have recent exposure to honey bees through accredited institutions or industry-recognized subject matter experts.
- Valid Ontario Driver's License required.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Knowledge of conducting field and laboratory research.
- Understanding of influences on animal husbandry health, including pesticides, parasites, best management practices, and disease management.
- Exposure to the business of beekeeping and general beekeeping practices.
- Skills in effective communication with diverse backgrounds and stakeholders.
- Ability to work efficiently with a Not-for-Profit Board.
- Proficient in managing and working with honey bee colonies in the field.

How to Apply:

If you're ready to contribute to the fascinating world of beekeeping and research, please submit your application, including a cover letter or resume, to jobs@ontariobee.com. Join us in supporting the vital role of honeybees in our ecosystem! #OBAJobs #BeeTech #ApplyNow