March 11, 2019

Wanted: Co-op Student Research Assistants

Cereal Crop Entomology

1 full-time position beginning in Spring 2019, duration 4-8 months.
In the lab of Dr. Haley Catton, Research Scientist
Lethbridge Research and Development Centre
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Lethbridge, Alberta

This summer co-op position will offer students experience in agricultural research, focussing on pest and beneficial insects in prairie field crops. Students will learn about general agriculture, entomology, and ecology while working on projects involving insect sampling, collecting, identification, and biocontrol. Our specific projects at the moment are exploring interactions between beneficial ground beetles and pest wireworms, and monitoring other pests of prairie crops. This position will be a mix of field work and lab work as needed. Duties may include preparing for and establishing field, greenhouse, and laboratory experiments; collecting and identifying insects; caring for insect colonies in the lab, and establishing and maintaining insect traps in commercial farm fields. All positions will involve detailed data collection and time-sensitive responsibilities – willingness to learn and dependability are a must. All necessary training will be provided. Our research group is friendly and goal-oriented, and the culture at the research centre is an amiable mix of professional scientists, technicians, field staff, and Canadian and international students.

Lethbridge is a friendly city of roughly 85,000 people, 2.5 hours south of Calgary, and 1.5 hours northeast of Waterton National Park. The city offers affordable accommodation in private houses or apartments. The Lethbridge Research and Development Centre is one of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s largest research centres, with over 40 research groups working in crop science, livestock science, and environmental health.

Applicants must be Canadian citizens and have a valid driver’s license. All training is provided – we encourage 1st year through 4th year students to apply.

For full consideration, apply with a resume and cover letter by March 20, 2019 to:
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