

2018 African Nova Scotian Summer Student - Agriculture Assistant

Perennia Food & Agriculture Inc. is looking for an agriculture assistant to work with our African Nova Scotia Agri-Projects Coordinator this summer.

What is Perennia?

Perennia is a not-for-profit corporation with the mission to help farmers, fishermen and food processors become prosperous and profitable. We have a flexible business model that is a hybrid of funding from the Government of Nova Scotia with more than half our annual budget derived from consulting services and special projects. Our team of more than 30 specialists makes us one of most comprehensive and wide-ranging teams focused on development of the agri-food sector in the Atlantic region.

The objective of the African Nova Scotia Agri-Project is to create new value to existing farm and seafood industries, and general food production; as well as to support new farm businesses in the province's African communities.

For more information about Perennia, see our website at <http://www.perennia.ca/>.

Summer Agriculture Assistant: The Summer Agriculture Assistant will work under the direction of Dr. Wayne Adams to assist with organizing industry information meetings in regional Black communities in HRM, and across the Province; to more fully develop a network of contacts and resources to be shared with those in the community who are looking to get into agriculture. The student will research the types of projects and work that has been done in other Black communities in Canada and the US to see what has been successful in those areas in supporting agricultural endeavours and begin to develop a plan for future years. The student will be an ambassador for agriculture within the community and will encourage an interest in agriculture in the community at large.

This position is based out of the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, at Cherry Brook. Occasional travel might be required but a vehicle is not absolutely necessary. The successful applicant must be able to get to the Cultural Centre each day.

Opportunity: By the end of the term, this student will have gained experience and/ or new skills in community networking, who's who in government, food production, and event coordination.

Duration: The 8-week position will start as soon as a suitable candidate is found, but not later than July 9, 2018.

Rate of Pay: \$13.00 per hour

Work Week: 35 hours per week; and most weeks the hours will be daytime hours Monday to Friday. Some flexibility in working hours may be required as there could be evening meetings or a Saturday meeting from time to time.

Job Requirements: The successful applicant will be a self-starter, able to work independently and results oriented. Previous work or volunteer experience within the Nova Scotia African communities may be considered an asset. A pleasant and professional telephone manner is required, as is experience with Microsoft Office programs.

Eligibility: This position is being partially funded through Canada Summer Jobs. To meet the requirements of this program the position must be filled by a person who:

- Is between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment
- Was registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year
- Intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year
- Is a student in a secondary, post-secondary, vocational or technical program
- Is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, and
- Is legally entitled to work according to Nova Scotia legislation and regulations.

*Foreign students are not eligible

To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to wadams@perennia.ca by June 22, 2018.

Applications received after this date may not be considered.