

Position for NSERC USRA student – Field Assistant (Summer 2012)

I'm an MSc. candidate in Biology currently looking for a field assistant to work with me this summer. My research concerns the relationship between wild bee biodiversity and pollination services provided to southern QC apple orchards. Moreover, the project considers how bee biodiversity and apple pollination changes as a function of the surrounding landscape. Joining the project would allow you to gain valuable field experience, learn how to identify a myriad of wildflowers and bees and contribute to research effecting the conservation of natural habitats in the greater Montreal area.

Part of the summer will be dedicated to estimating bee pollination to apple orchards when in full bloom. For the remainder we'll be chasing the bees and flowers across the surrounding landscape- from the spring forest violets to the late summer meadows tossing with goldenrods.

The ideal candidate would be eligible for an NSERC USRA bursary, being in at least their U2 year and having a CGPA of >3.5. Note that students are eligible for an USRA the summer after their graduation as well as after their U2 year.

We also would be interested in interviewing applicants less competitive for this scholarship but with exceptional skills in plant and/or insect identification (e.g. graduates of BIOL240, PLNT358, ENTO330). Remuneration would be provided to everyone working on the project, whether or not they hold an USRA.

For more information, please contact me at kyle.martins@mail.mcgill.ca with a CV as soon as possible.

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