

Native Bee and Crop Pollination Research: Multiple Field Technicians Needed

Location: Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Job Descriptions: We seek field and laboratory assistants for multiple research projects investigating the factors affecting the abundance and diversity of bees in Michigan fruit crops, as well as techniques to improve pollinator habitat in agricultural landscapes, such as perennial wildflower plantings. Work with honey bees and alternative managed bees such as bumble bees or *Osmia* bees is also possible. These projects will require extended stays at an MSU field research station in Fennville, MI for a 3 week period in May during fruit crop bloom (accommodations are covered). The majority of these positions will be fieldwork (70%) but will also include greenhouse and laboratory work (30%). Daily tasks may include: travel to field sites in university vehicle (travel time is paid), visual pollinator observations, plant surveys, pollination experiments, netting bees and other insects, data entry, measuring fruit yields, and labeling and curating bee specimens.

Required Qualifications:

Interest in conservation biology, pollination biology, entomology, or field ecology
Valid U.S. driver's license
Ability to work outside for long periods of time in a variety of weather conditions
Attention to detail
Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Desirable skills:

Insect collection and identification
Plant identification (esp. wildflowers)
Pollen identification
Experience with Excel

Job Details:

Employment Period: May 1 2015 August 31 2015, with some flexibility on start and end dates.
Continued employment in fall/winter 2015 may be possible depending on funding and performance.
Full Time: 40 hours/week
Starting salary: \$11/hr

To Apply and For Questions:

Send a resume and contact information for three references to: Emily May (mayemil1@msu.edu) Please put 'Bee Field Tech' in the subject line.

Review of applications will begin on February 2nd and will remain open until the positions are filled. For more information about our lab, visit: <http://www.isaacslab.ent.msu.edu/Home.html>