

**Research Assistant (Temporary)  
Department of Plant, Food & Environmental Sciences (Truro)**

Dalhousie University is Atlantic Canada's leading research-intensive university and a driver of the region's intellectual, social and economic development. Located in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, with an Agricultural Campus in Truro/Bible Hill, Dalhousie is a truly national and international university, with more than half of our 18,500 students coming from outside of the province. Our 6,000 faculty and staff foster a vibrant, purpose-driven community, that's celebrating 200 years of academic excellence in 2018.

Reporting to Dr. Nancy McLean, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant, Food & Environmental Sciences and Principal Investigator, the Research Assistant will participate in the collection and analysis of quantitative data from farms in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Collect pollinator and plant data from field sites in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.
- Plant identification and insect sampling and identification.
- DNA extraction from plant and insect specimens.
- Document research methodology and prepare progress reports.
- Data entry and organization in MS Excel.

**Note:** This position will require the ability to lift up to 10 kg as well as travel to field sites in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, including frequent overnight stays. Field site visits require working outside, walking up to 4 km per work day in a variety of weather and field conditions, and pollinator collection.

**Qualifications:** Undergraduate degree in agriculture or biology is required. Demonstrated working knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), email and Internet is essential. The selected candidate must have demonstrated strong time management, communication, decision-making, problem solving and interpersonal skills as well as strong attention to detail. The ability to work both independently and as part of a team is required. Experience working with plants, insects or with microscopes will be considered an asset. Applicants must possess a valid NS drivers license, without restrictions.

**Apply online by 10 p.m. on April 25, 2018 to competition TEMP-18006.**

This is a temporary position starting as soon as possible with an anticipated end date of October 31, 2018. Salary will be \$3,003 per month, 35 hrs per week.

For additional information regarding this position, please contact Dr. Nancy McLean at [Nancy.McLean@dal.ca](mailto:Nancy.McLean@dal.ca) or 1-902 893-7821.

*Applications from university employees and external candidates are given concurrent consideration. Among short listed candidates, university employees will be given special consideration. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*

*Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit [www.dal.ca/respect](http://www.dal.ca/respect).*