

**Communications Officer (Term)
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 19,000 students coming from outside of the province. Our 6,000 faculty and staff foster a vibrant, purpose-driven community, that celebrated 200 years of academic excellence in 2018.

The Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University is a small research-intensive campus located in Truro, NS. Offering technical, undergraduate and graduate programs in agriculture, environment and related life and social science disciplines, the Faculty of Agriculture educates future leaders and generates knowledge and innovative solutions for healthy, sustainable societies. Reporting to the Program Manager, Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC), the Communications Officer is responsible for the coordination and development of scientific communication resources for the OACC, ensuring current and comprehensive information on organic agriculture research and practice is disseminated to diverse audiences.

Key Responsibilities:

- Prepare written and audio/video extension materials that transmit the science of organic agriculture to organic producers in a producer-friendly language.
- Coordinate, edit and format the writing, video and audio communications from contributors across Canada relating to organic agriculture science. This includes coordinating the translation of documents between English and French if required.
- Gather information from researchers on their projects and research outcomes, in order to effectively develop and disseminate plain-language communications materials.
- Develop and continually manage the OACC website (<https://dal.ca/oacc>), including coverage of the Organic Science Cluster (OSC), a national collaborative effort led jointly by the OACC and the Organic Federation of Canada.
- Work with the OSC management team to develop annual plans for knowledge translation and transfer activities.
- Create and publish a monthly bilingual electronic newsletter reporting developments in organic agricultural science and extension, particularly as relevant to Canada.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture or related field with approximately three years' relevant experience (or equivalent combination of training and experience). Experience writing and editing for general audiences is required, for non-academic agricultural audiences preferred. Strong computer skills including demonstrated proficiency in MS Office; Adobe Dreamweaver, Photoshop and Acrobat; and website management. Must demonstrate excellent interpersonal, communication and time management skills, and enthusiasm for working in a team as well as the ability to work independently. Demonstrated knowledge of or experience in organic agriculture is highly desirable. Ability to speak and/or write in French is an asset. Membership or eligibility for membership in the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists a definite asset. Availability for occasional travel within Canada for periods of up to one week is required.

Dalhousie University supports a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Our total compensation package includes a defined benefit pension plan, health and dental plans, a health spending account, an employee and family assistance program and a tuition assistance program.

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Apply online by February 24, 2019 to competition N77-19012.

Salary Range: \$22.86 – \$27.87 per hour (35 hours per week, \$41,599 - \$50,730 annually). This is an approximately 20 month term position with the possibility of extension. (T-7)

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