

JOB DESCRIPTION

HORTICULTURAL ASSISTANT (SUMMER STUDENT)

OBJECTIVE

Reporting to the Potato Breeder, the Horticultural Assistant will assist the team with the potato breeding project.

Contract: May-August 2025

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

• Recent graduate and/or currently enrolled in a post-secondary horticulture program

Experience & Skills:

- Possesses a high degree of attention to detail
- Ability to perform repetitive tasks
- Ability to work under hot and humid conditions in a greenhouse setting for prolonged periods of time
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team
- Ability to lift 30lbs
- Flexibility and willingness to work overtime as required
- Valid driver's license; ability to travel locally to off-site work locations (Millgrove, ON; St. Catharines, ON)

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Assist with transplanting potato seed in the field.
- 2. Sow and transplant True Potato seeds.
- 3. Scout and general maintenance of plant health.
- 4. Collect leaf tissue samples for analysis.
- 5. Label and prepare standard laboratory materials.
- 6. Perform other duties as required by the Potato Breeder.