

Grounds Maintenance - Summer Student Position

Under the direction of the Maintenance Technician, the Grounds Maintenance Summer Student is primarily responsible for maintaining field perimeters and tree lines on the Ferguson Forest Centre properties including the Veteran's Way.

Key Responsibilities:

- 1. Grounds Maintenance Primary duties include: Mowing of grass, weed whipping, plant trimming and pruning, and weeding throughout the nursery as required; Assists with maintenance of windbreaks and landscape trees; Assists with maintaining and establishing garden plots.
- 2. Assist other areas of the Nursery at the direction of the General Manager, Director of Finance & Human Resources or the Maintenance Technician. This may include, but is not limited to, the following activities: Assisting in the Greenhouse Complex with planting, watering or weeding; Assisting in the fields with seeding, transplanting or weeding as required; Assisting Seed Technician with seed collection, storage, handling, and other seed operations on an as needed basis; Outlet Store Under the direction of Sales, assist in the set-up and take-down.
- 3. Other duties as assigned.

Are you up for the challenge?

In order to succeed in this position, you will possess training, knowledge and experience in the relevant tasks mentioned above:

- Physically capable of doing the duties identified
- Ability to work alone or in a team environment
- Ability to work full time hours with some variations to schedule due to weather and work load (e.g. early starts due to heat, longer hours due to urgent deadlines, time off due to inclement weather)
- Ability to work weekends as well as a flexible work schedule as a result of either production needs or climatic conditions.
- Ability to work in various climatic conditions including rain, heat and cold
- Willing to follow all appropriate laws and nursery policies
- G class license with clean driving record
- Ability to operate equipment and vehicles identified in above duties including operation of mowers, UTV's, compact tractors, hand tools, whippers, chainsaws
- Capable of taking work direction and following through task completion
- Self-motivating
- Capable of keeping to time schedules
- Completion of Health and Safety for Employees as required by the Ontario Ministry of Labour or willingness to achieve before employment (this is available online)



- Capable of repeated lifting of products weighing up to 25kg.
- Basic equipment maintenance and care and attention to safe usage of equipment
- Work Experience Requirements:
- Landscaping experience is an asset

Experience operating required equipment is preferred.

Completion of High School is preferred.

What we Offer:

Ferguson Tree Nursery provides a collaborative, team-oriented work environment with an interesting variety of tasks plus the opportunity to work in a field that is promoting sustainable forestry and contributes to increasing tree planting in Ontario and beyond.

Ferguson Tree Nursery provides a competitive wage for students at \$16/hour.

This position is a short-term contract typically from June to August. Normal work hours are 8am till 4:30pm. Alternative work schedules may be followed depending on production needs, climate or staffing needs. For example, during the busiest season, typically April and early May, some extended hours may be required. Shifts may extend to 5- 6 days a week.

To Apply

Please forward a cover letter and resume introducing yourself to careers@fergusontreenursery.ca