

Position Description:

Concerns about pollinator declines have grown in recent years, causing increased interest in pollinator conservation and research into improving bee community health.

We seek part-time help to assist in a landscape ecology project that focuses on the impact of transitioning to small-scale diversified organic farming on wild/native bee communities in western Washington. The assistant filling this position will work with the project team of PhD students Elias Bloom and Rachel Olsson to understand the factors that influence the development of these communities.

The position will involve fieldwork including pollen collection, native/wild bee monitoring, plant identification, and habitat installation. These data will be used to determine the relationships between farming practices, landscape features, restoration, and bee biodiversity.

Bloom and Olsson will train the assistant to perform aforementioned tasks, after which the assistant will work both independently and as a team member to achieve the project goals. This position will provide practical and rewarding experience for those interested in biodiversity, landscape ecology, pollination services, entomology, and agriculture.

Qualifications:

- Must be available from May 2nd, 2016 – September 30th, 2016
- Must possess a valid drivers license
- Must be an excellent communicator both verbally and via email
- Must have a cell phone with email features
- Must be able to follow established protocol
- Must be physically fit, able to walk 7 miles a day, lift 50 lbs, and be able to perform repetitive motions
- Must be willing and able to work 40 hours per week/ 5 days per week

The ideal candidate will have experience in:

- Insect monitoring
- Entomological netting
- Wild and native bee identification
- Agricultural plant identification
- Agricultural weed identification

Hourly Wage:

- \$11/hour

The position will be open until filled and interviews will be held as applications are received.

Submit a cover letter, resume, and at least 3 references to both:
elias.bloom@wsu.edu and rachel.olsson@wsu.edu