

Indigenous Internship Opportunities

Experience working in the Ontario Public Service (OPS) – grow your future

Interested in a career in the agri-food sector? Bring your knowledge, experience and perspectives to the **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs** (OMAFRA). Consider joining a ministry that supports Ontario's ability to produce food and ensure food safety while allowing the agri-food and rural economies to prosper. The ministry has immediate job opportunities in the following five (5) roles:

- **Strategic Policy Branch Intern**, Policy ([Job ID 184448](#))

The Strategic Policy Branch leads OMAFRA's work on regulatory modernization, Indigenous relations initiatives and strategic planning for the ministry. In this role you will get exposure to cross-cutting policy development, Federal-Provincial-Territorial negotiations, international trade and marketing access issues (e.g. international trade deals and trade missions across the globe), and coordinating the ministry's policy agenda through government decision-making processes.

- **Agriculture Development Branch Intern**, Project Management ([Job ID 184426](#))

Join the ministry's core team of agricultural specialists responsible for providing advice and information to Ontario farmers relating to crop and livestock agricultural production (crops and livestock) and business management. The Agriculture Development Branch is involved in key research projects and applying findings from those projects when developing best management practices. The team promotes technical and high-quality agricultural production through the application of best management practices, on-farm quality assurance programs and plant and animal health strategies. The branch also provides business management resources that assist clients with farm business development.

- **Environmental Management Branch Intern**, Program and Service Delivery ([Job ID 184433](#))

The Environmental Management Branch (EMB) works with a diversity of partners to support the sustainable management of land and resources within the agri-food sector. EMB consists of several units which design, develop and deliver programs to a wide array of stakeholder groups to address agri-environmental issues that support the long-term productive capacity of agricultural land base, viability of the agri-food sector, and health of the natural environment. This internship will provide the unique opportunity to work together with internal and external stakeholders at the critical intersection of policy and program development, to achieve the branch's mission of protecting and enhancing our soil, water, and air through the adoption of sustainable practices within the agri-food sector.

• **Research and Innovation Branch Intern**, Program and Service Delivery ([Job ID 184455](#))

The Research and Innovation Branch (RIB) leads the ministry's research programming and research infrastructure efforts to support strong, competitive agri-food sectors across the province that are economically diverse, environmentally responsible and socially safe. RIB coordinates policy and funding for agriculture and food research as well as agricultural diploma education and laboratory services. The branch administers the OMAFRA Agreement with the University of Guelph and provides secretariat support to the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario.

• **Business Services Branch Intern**, Program and Service Delivery ([Job ID 184454](#))

The Business Services Branch (BSB) provides Strategic, Operational and Transactional (Adjudicative) assistance to the ministry as it is responsible for accommodations services; emergency management; Digital OMAFRA; Freedom of Information (FOI); Information management, and privacy. BSB also provides agency coordination support to the 10 agencies under OMAFRA's oversight, as well as direct support to two adjudicative agencies (Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Tribunal - AFRAAT and Normal Farm Practices Protection Board - NFPPB).

Location: These internships offer a hybrid work arrangement with the ability to work both remotely (work from home) and within an OMAFRA office. OMAFRA has office locations across the province. Interns may be able to work from one of the ministry's following offices depending on office space availability and operational feasibility: Guelph, Toronto, Fort Frances, Gore Bay, New Liskeard, Thunder Bay, Verner, Elora, Midhurst, Simcoe, Brighton, Kemptville, Lindsay, Clinton, London, Ridgetown, Stratford, Woodstock.

For required qualifications, job-specific details, including salary, position duties and full qualifications, and to apply online, **by August 5, 2022**, follow the links or visit www.ontario.ca/careers and enter the applicable Job ID number in the Job ID search field. Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

Visit the [Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs](#) to learn more about our work, and sign up for an upcoming virtual **Applicant Information Session** on [July 27](#) or [August 3](#) where you'll hear more about our ministry's Indigenous Internship opportunities, our culture, learn tips on how to apply and have an opportunity to ask questions.