



Canadian Angus Association

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Position Description: Research Technician (Summer)

Reports to: Canadian Angus Association Member Service Team Leader

Position Summary:

We are looking for an animal health and welfare-oriented person to join our team full-time for the summer with the possibility of a follow-up part-time contract to follow. You must enjoy working as part of a team, working both indoors and outdoors, be comfortable handling and measuring traits on Canadian Angus cattle, have accurate data entry skills, basic statistical analysis skills, be able to work independently, and have both a valid driver's licence and a reliable vehicle.

A large part of the summer will be spent on farm collecting data for several research and development projects. Project design, data recording and handling, basic data analysis, and report writing will be a big part of this position. The successful applicant will also work to maintain the Canadian Angus Herdbook and provide customer service to Angus cattle breeders.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Phenotype Canadian Angus cattle
- Collect DNA samples and blood samples from Canadian Angus cattle
- Prepare samples for shipment
- Data entry, data management, and report writing
- Basic data analysis in preparation for genetic evaluations
- Help process member service requests within our registry database

Knowledge and Skill Requirements:

- ✓ Strong computer skills, accurate and fast data entry, basic statistical analysis
- ✓ Experience in an office environment in an administrative role is preferred
- ✓ Highly organized, ability to make decisions and prioritize
- ✓ Comfort around cattle; cattle handling experience necessary
- ✓ Comfortable handling DNA and blood samples
- ✓ Strong verbal and written communication skills

Working Conditions:

Work is based at the Canadian Angus Association's office in Alberta. It is expected that the successful candidate will begin his/her work term in May and work until the end of August. Please e-mail your resume to ayuen@cdnangus.ca by March 15th quoting "Research Technician Application" in the subject line.

The Canadian Angus Association is Canada's largest purebred beef breed organization. The Association represents more than 2,000 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle in the closed Herdbook and promoting the breed across Canada. The member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.