

Job Code: ##### – Communications Specialist
Position: Communications Specialist
Education: post-secondary degree
Experience: 6 months
Salary: TBD, based on experience
Employment Terms: Full-time/part-time temporary, with the possibility of extension

Please submit cover letter, resume and three references to ken.engele@usask.ca. Thank you for your interest in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Prairie Swine Centre (PSC) is a non-profit swine production research organization affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan and located 10 km southeast of Saskatoon. Our mandate is to provide solutions to the Canadian pork value chain by producing and distributing knowledge derived through original research, scientific review and economic analysis. PSC conducts innovative and near-market research in three disciplines: nutrition, engineering, and ethology, as well as communicating new knowledge to various stakeholders through its Knowledge Transfer program. The Centre operates a 300 sow farrow-to-finish research herd and currently employs approximately 35 full and part-time staff and students.

This position is a term position funded through the Government of Canada – Canada Summer Jobs Program. The hours of work are negotiable; the term is July 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021. The position may be extended based on funding. The start date is also negotiable, but no later than September 1, 2021. A valid driver's license and transportation to PSC is required.

Eligible applicants are those individuals who are between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive); are a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and those who are legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations. (*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents).

The role of the Knowledge Transfer program is to deliver results from the Centre's research programs to the Canadian pork industry and to encourage on-farm adoption. Research activities are focused on projects aimed to address sustainability and increase efficiency – communicating these results will be an essential part of the position. The work will include the development and delivery of communication strategies, extensive writing, participation in protocol development, installation of equipment associated with on-farm demonstrations. Some travel will be required. Training will be available to assist in developing the necessary skills and techniques required to succeed in the position.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Write articles and reports related to pork production, specifically in the areas of nutrition, swine behaviour and engineering.
- Assist with the development and setup of on-farm demonstrations on commercial pork production operations throughout western Canada.
- Communicate directly with producers (on-farm and at industry events) the results generated from the Centre's research program.
- Follow established protocols related to data collection, sampling and other monitored parameters.

- Perform additional functions related to knowledge transfer, research and development activities as assigned.

Specific job skills required for the position:

- Strong writing skills
- Ability to interpret and summarize research reports
- Effectively communicate to multiple stakeholder groups
- Organize, prioritize, and plan work schedules
- Good computer literacy – including knowledge of publication software
- Work independently

Ideally a post-secondary degree with an Agriculture or Communication focus is preferred. At least six months experience in a similar type of position is preferred and experience with swine production, working with large animals or agriculture would be considered an asset.

PSC makes reasonable efforts to employ those youth who are part of groups which are underrepresented or have additional barriers to the labour market (new immigrant/refugee, visible minorities/racialized youth, women in STEM).