

Technician I (Cooperative Extension - Lower Hudson Valley Region)-27139

Description

**Technician I
(Band A - Nonexempt)
Cornell Cooperative Extension
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S)**

The Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program (ENYCH) is a Cornell Cooperative Extension Regional Agriculture Team that serves a large multi-county region in Eastern New York State. The team consists of 12 specialists and several technicians who work together with Cornell faculty and extension educators statewide to address the issues that impact the industry. The programs provide educational opportunities and information to producers, processors and agri-business professionals, arming them with the knowledge to profitably produce vegetable, tree fruit, small fruit and grape crops, contributing to the viability of farms and the economic well-being of New York State.

Under the direction of regional fruit specialists (Extension Associates), provide technical and program support in carrying out research and outreach that will ultimately enhance the profitability and sustainability of the tree fruit, small fruit and grape industry served by the ENYCH. Travel to research plots on commercial fruit farms throughout the region served by the ENYCH to assist in the collection and recording of data. Scout for insects, diseases, weeds and crop damage in research plots and commercial orchards and maintain good records. Work will frequently be performed in commercial fields that have been sprayed with pesticides, and will require training in Worker Protection Standards (WPS) to understand the safe field re-entry period and practices. Perform basic data entry and summary. Assist in logistical setup for educational meetings and events throughout the region. Ensure that all protocols and procedures adhere to safety requirements. This position is located within the Lower Hudson Valley region.

This is a one year appointment with possible extension depending on funding and performance. Hours may be reduced to a minimum of 20 hours/week during winter months depending on available work and funding.

Two positions are available:

- Capital District region
(<https://cornellu.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=27134&lang=en#.VO9IRv300KM.gmail>)
- Lower Hudson Valley region including the Agriculture Experiment Laboratory in Highland, New York
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Qualifications

Required Qualifications:

- Formal training beyond a high school diploma of 6 months to 1 year duration or equivalent, more

than 6 months and less than 1 year experience or equivalent.

- Proven ability to work independently in collecting and summarizing data.
- Competence utilizing current computer technology, i.e. Windows -Excel/Word/PowerPoint.
- Excellent communication skills (both oral and written). Strong organizational skills and attention to detail; able to prioritize multiple activities and tasks while meeting deadlines.
- Excellent customer service skills; must be able to work effectively with a diverse clientele.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all types of weather.
- Will be expected to work flexible hours, occasional evenings and weekend as job functions require.
- Must be able to meet the travel requirements of the position, including having reliable transportation or having and maintaining a valid driver's license.
- Visual concentration, attention to detail and manual dexterity are required.
- Must exercise sound and ethical judgment when acting on behalf of the University.
- Ability to lift 20-50 pounds.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Associate's or Bachelor's Degree with coursework in entomology, plant pathology, plant physiology, weed science, horticulture, and/or agronomy.
- Experience supporting research projects, including data collection and summary. Experience working in agriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production.
- Possess or have the ability to acquire a New York State Certified Pesticide Applicators License.

Background check may be required. No relocation assistance is provided for this position. Visa sponsorship is not available for this position.

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Job

-Research

Organization

-CALs Cooperative Extension Area Spec

Schedule

-Full-time

Travel

-No

Job Type

-Standard

Overtime Status

-Non-exempt

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Number of Openings

-1

University Job Title-Technician I

Level-A

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