Field Research with Bees and Berries

Job Description: Want to learn more about crop pollinators and the diversity of bees that help to shape our fruit? I am looking for an enthusiastic ecology/biology student to help with the field work portion of a crop pollination research project. This project largely involves catching bees and harvesting strawberries on farms in the Ottawa region for 4 weeks in spring 2018. Tasks will include sampling and observing bees in agricultural fields, photo monitoring of pollinators, surveying vegetation, harvesting, weighing, and measuring strawberries. This project will require long periods of time outdoors, vehicle travel, physical activity, early mornings (6/7 am start time most days) and some weekend work.

Qualifications:
- Interested in pollination, ecology, or agriculture (or all 3!)
- Flexible schedule, early riser
- Ability to concentrate and observe insect pollinators for long periods of time (if you are afraid of bees/wasps this may not be the ideal job for you).
- Physically capable of harvesting strawberries for several hours at a time
- Have a driver’s license
- Prior fieldwork experience, especially with insect sampling (sweep netting and pan trapping), would be an asset.

Time period: May 15 – 30 & June 25 – July 10, 2018 (non-consecutive)
*Dates will vary to coincide with crop bloom and harvest*
The hours per week will also depend on the flowering and fruiting periods of the crops.

Salary: $1960 ($490 per week)
The position will be approximately 35 hours a week for 4 weeks.

To apply: Please send a brief cover letter (within the email is fine), CV, and contact information before April 13, 2018 to:
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Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.