



The Bee Informed Partnership (www.beeinformed.org) is seeking additional Technical Transfer Team members to work with commercial beekeepers in the following states: Minnesota (serving beekeepers in MN and ND) and Texas (serving beekeepers in TX and ND). Teams will serve beekeepers in the home states as well as when they move their colonies into almonds in California and other migratory routes. The salary range is commensurate with experience and will include full medical and retirement benefits.

For Minnesota, the team will be based out of the University of Minnesota. For Texas, the team will be situated at Texas A&M or the University of Minnesota.

The positions require at least 2 years beekeeping experience, preferably in a commercial beekeeping setting. It entails intense fieldwork at times, extensive travel, close interaction with beekeepers and many other members of the Bee Informed Partnership (BIP) team. *These interactions require the applicant to be a good beekeeper, work well in a team environment, listen well, be non-judgmental, communicate effectively with team members, be self-starting, hardworking, and sensitive about privacy and security of all data collected.* The job entails the following:

Field Work:

- Be the primary contact between BIP and the partnering beekeepers for any virus/pest/hygienic sampling and testing and presenting results
- Accurately, efficiently, and confidently, identify, diagnose, record, and report biotic and abiotic components of a honey bee colony health through inspections and assessments
- Perform the physical tasks common to the commercial beekeeping environment including lifting honey supers (up to 80 lbs) to allow colony evaluation and sampling
- Collect a wide range of samples from colonies to be tested for but not limited to the following: parasitic mites, Nosema, viruses, pesticides, reproductive potential and hygienic testing
- Work with and ship hazardous materials such as dry ice, liquid nitrogen, alcohol and live bees
- Have a clean driving record and be capable of safely operating a vehicle off road in a variety of ground conditions
- Travel is required, often to somewhat remote areas, occasionally with limited notice. On average, 5-8 trips are made each year with time spent away from home at or exceeding 60 days/year. Short term field work assignments with other BIP regional tech transfer teams may also require travel outside of the home region.

Lab and Administrative Work

- Work with BIP scientists to develop and conduct applied experiments
- Manage BIP lab space at the home institution, including purchasing supplies
- Make all logistic and travel arrangements required for field work
- Write a weekly BIP blog
- Examine manuals to determine the use of new equipment, tools and computer programs
- Meet at least once a quarter for a formal meeting to present BIP plan/results with BIP team and/or beekeepers



- Keep up to date records for each individual beekeeper including data summaries and reports.
- Record, copy and place in binders: economic baselines, management surveys, records of receipts of purchases such as travel, gas, equipment, etc.
- Develop and give presentations, posters and other media to communicate project related goals
- Be willing to present relevant findings to local, regional, and national bee groups and other pollinator or agricultural related groups or schools at meetings, symposiums, field days and outreach events
- Keep abreast of and be able to communicate new developments in relevant topics (bee science, management, legislation, etc.)
- Willingness to adapt at a moment's notice, enjoy a thrilling fast paced atmosphere, and have a passion for bees

Those interested should email a current resume and at least two references to Karen Rennich at krennich@umd.edu. Application deadline is March 30, 2017 or until all positions are filled.