Ag Accountant Consultant

Location: Remote  
Duration: 12-month contract  
Compensation: Commensurate with experience

About Us
Croatan Institute is an independent, nonprofit research and action institute whose mission is to build social equity and ecological resilience by leveraging finance to create pathways to a just economy. The Institute is seeking a diligent, flexible, and highly motivated individual to assist the Institute with a wide range of operational matters.

Since the Institute’s launch in 2014, we have rapidly established a reputation for rigorous, cutting-edge research and advocacy on a wide range of issues in sustainable finance and resilient and equitable economic development, working closely with practitioners in the field and movements for social and environmental change.

Our work at the nexus of finance, social equity and ecological resilience addresses the following cross-cutting themes:

- Accountability  
- Business & Human Rights  
- Climate Solutions  
- Equity & Inclusion

- Farming & Forestry  
- Food Systems  
- Frameworks & Data Analytics  
- Resilient Communities

Croatan Institute is based in the research triangle region of North Carolina, with an extended team of affiliates in the South, Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and in Geneva, Switzerland. The candidate will be expected to work remotely but, if desired, could enjoy future opportunities for in-office hours at its workspace in dynamic downtown Durham, NC, or in other areas where we have affiliates.

Job Description
Croatan Institute seeks an experienced accountant that can support small to medium sized farmers working to improve business finance practices, including providing tax advice. The ideal consultant will provide a fixed number of general accounting consultations to advise underserved farmers who participate in Croatan’s Financial Health Investment initiative. In addition, the consultant will reserve a limited number of spaces to provide tax filing support to clients.

- Prepare and file tax returns for small farmers in compliance with local regulations.
- Stay updated on tax laws and regulations relevant to agricultural businesses.
- Advise clients on tax planning strategies to minimize liabilities and maximize returns.

Your primary responsibilities will include providing general accounting guidance, preparing tax returns, and offering strategic financial advice tailored to the unique needs of small farmers.

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Our goal is to support small farmers working to achieve their business goals and build wealth

Requirements
If you are passionate about supporting small farmers and have the requisite skills and experience, we encourage you to apply for this rewarding opportunity.

1. Education: Bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field. CPA certification preferred.
2. Experience: Proven experience working as an accountant, preferably with a focus on agricultural businesses or small-scale farming operations.
3. Knowledge: Deep understanding of accounting principles, tax laws, and financial regulations relevant to the agricultural sector. Familiarity with farm accounting software is a plus.
4. Analytical Skills: Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to interpret financial data and provide actionable insights.
5. Communication Skills: Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to explain financial concepts to clients with varying levels of financial literacy.
6. Interpersonal Skills: Ability to build rapport and establish trust with clients, demonstrating empathy and understanding of their unique needs.
7. Attention to Detail: Meticulous attention to detail and accuracy in financial record-keeping and reporting.

How to apply:
Candidates should complete this form and upload a resume and three references.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We will start reviewing applications in mid-January, so we strongly encourage early applications. We will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. No calls or preliminary inquiries, please.

For more information about Croatan Institute, please visit croataninstitute.org