

Job Opportunity with Roots to Harvest

Food Literacy Expansion- Indigenous Food Animator – One year internship

The Food Literacy Expansion- Indigenous Food Animator position will drive the development and facilitation of food workshops and learning materials for youth, adults and seniors. Main tasks will include developing culturally affirming curriculum and educational resources, preparing, delivering and evaluating workshops and training, supporting events and working collaboratively with community partners.

The Basics:

Job Term: 1 year with the possibility of extension

Start: Sept 2021. Weekend and evening work will be required.

Wage: \$24/hr; 40 hrs/week, benefits after 3 months.

Location: Thunder Bay, ON

Our Approach:

At first glance, Roots to Harvest may appear to be an urban agriculture focused organization, but we encourage applicants to look much deeper than that. Roots to Harvest is first and foremost about working with people—in particular, youth and young adults. Looking to the margins of society, we seek to create meaningful opportunities to engage our community, using food and agriculture as the medium to connect with the community and each other. We work hard to find the delicate balance between challenge and achievement in all of our program and projects.

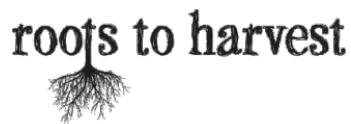
Our Culture:

Roots to Harvest is a small, grassroots organization that is still maturing and coming into its own. We are a small staff and every position involves elements of organizational development and maintenance. We aim to foster a culture that is transparent, inclusive, progressive, and productive. As staff, we work collaboratively, we work hard, we do what needs to be done and we try to keep the big picture in mind.

If you prefer to work alone, dislike ambiguity, and adhere to a strict schedule, then working with Roots to Harvest probably isn't right for you. But if you're looking for a fast paced, multifaceted, energizing and rewarding work environment that will push you every single day, then we want to hear from you!

Eligibility – Candidates MUST meet the eligibility requirements:

Candidates must have graduated within the last three years from an accredited college or university from a degree or diploma program in education/experiential education, social work, community development, or related field of study. Candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada. Candidates are ineligible if they have previously participated in an NOHFC internship. ***IF you believe you are a great fit and do not meet the above eligibility requirements please submit a resume and make note of that in your cover letter.***



Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will lead our food literacy expansion in schools and with our community partners to include traditional food connections locally and in our region. Specifically, responsibilities include:

- Work closely with teachers and students during the school year to facilitate food literacy and outreach activities in local schools;
- Work closely with other program facilitators to coordinate school and community programs;
- Ensure culturally affirming pedagogies and learning materials are used across all workshops and lesson plans.
- Design, adapt and deliver:
 - o Fun, engaging, age-appropriate workshops for children and youth on traditional food ways
 - o Engaging, fun, inclusive, and accessible workshops, community cooking sessions for adults experiencing social isolation including, but not limited to, folks facing systemic barriers to affordable housing, decent employment and income, and immigration status.
 - o Support food access programs using traditional foods in the Roots to Harvest kitchen
- Maintain or establish good communication and collaboration with community partners.
- Support all program evaluation activities including adapting evaluation tools, data collection, and analysis as needed.
- Support other existing Roots to Harvest projects and events, such as SHOW and UYFP, as assigned.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience:

- Experience cooking and at least some understanding gardening and composting
- Demonstrated ability to work respectfully with others, including in a facilitation role
- Demonstrated ability to work within a diverse community (people of different ages, abilities, cultural backgrounds etc)
- Strong oral speaking, communications and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of Oji-Cree language an asset
- Experience hunting, trapping, fishing, foraging and/or using country foods
- Very comfortable and enjoy working with teenagers and adults
- Effective communication and organizational skills
- Valid Class G drivers license with a clean driving record
- Current safe food handling and first aid certification (or willingness to get)
- Up to date Covid-19 vaccination record (this is a public facing job working with many vulnerable populations).

Priority will be given to Indigenous individuals

Application Process:

Please submit **one PDF file containing a resume (including references) and cover letter** to info@rootstoharvest.org and reference the job title.

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