

Job Opportunity with Roots to Harvest

Local Food Literacy Outreach Lead

Roots to Harvest is looking for a dynamic, hardworking individual to lead our work with high school aged youth at schools and in kitchens as well as run summer youth employment programs and community outreach.

The Basics:

Job Term: 1 year with the possibility of extension

Start: September 2021. Weekend and evening work required.

Wage: \$21/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 the 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.

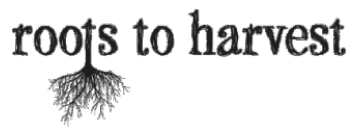
Our Culture:

Roots to Harvest is a grassroots not for profit organization that is growing and changing in response to the needs of community. 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 local food literacy programs in local high schools in Thunder Bay, at our Urban Youth Farm in the summer season, co-facilitate the weekly AYP youth employment program, participate in community outreach events, and will facilitate youth programs out of our office indoor and outdoor cooking space. 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 programs and youth outreach;
- Work closely with the kitchen and food director and program director to develop and facilitate programs for youth at the Roots indoor and outdoor cooking spaces;
- Co-lead the leadership and delivery of the Urban Youth Farm Program and the Academic Year Program that employs youth from the summer and part-time throughout the school year;
- Assist with community outreach events that promote the aims and purpose of Roots to Harvest throughout the year;
- Assist with on-going maintenance and care for urban agriculture sites in Thunder Bay.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience:

- Experience designing and facilitating fully-developed lesson plans and workshop outlines that are:
 - o Designed for groups of varying ages, genders, cultural backgrounds, abilities and individuals who have experienced marginalization
 - o Hands-on and engaging
- 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
- 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).

Application Process:

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

Roots to Harvest is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in the workplace.

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