



Community Garden Assistant
30 hours/week, 8 week contract
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Please click [here](#) to fill out an eligibility form *

The Stop Community Food Centre uses food as a tool for community development in the Davenport West and Wychwood Heights neighbourhoods of Toronto. The Stop runs an urban agriculture program at several sites, which include vegetable gardens, a greenhouse, an Indigenous-focused garden with medicinal plants including an Indigenous medicine wheel (Mashkikii;aki'ing), and an outdoor bake oven. We are looking for a person to assist our Greenhouse staff.

In this position the successful candidate will be helping to maintain the gardens, greenhouse space, supporting volunteers and participants in all aspects of growing and caring for our growing spaces, supporting special events, field trips, educational programming.

Reporting to:
Greenhouse team Lead

Responsibilities:

- Assist with Global Roots, a weekly intergenerational garden program with newcomer seniors and youth
- Support weekly community garden volunteer sessions in the greenhouse and sheltered garden
- Setting up before garden/ work sessions, and cleaning up afterwards
- Help with maintaining outdoor and worm-composting (indoor) compost systems
- Assist with greenhouse and garden maintenance aside from session times (e.g., watering, pest control, composting etc.)
- Support maintaining garden records and program logs
- Could also involve organizing an educational event (based on interest/ ability)
- Some evenings and some weekend work required

Qualifications:

- Experience in gardening a strong asset (through any of the following: paid employment, volunteer work, personal experience)
- A commitment to and understanding of anti-racist and anti-oppressive practices

- Commitment to and understanding of food justice and social justice principles
- Excellent interpersonal skills, ie. working with a diversity of people facing intersectional barriers, including Black, Indigenous, and other racialized communities, as well as people managing different abilities
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Basic computer skills with programs such as Word, Excel, E-mail

Assets:

- Ability to speak a language relevant to the neighbourhood is an asset (e.g. Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic, Anishnaabe Moen, Kanienke, Cree or other First Nations, Metis, Inuit languages)
- Food Handler Certificate and First Aid training an asset
- Valid Ontario Driver's License an asset

Salary: \$15/hr

Hours: 30 hrs/week

Target Start date: Monday June 25th, 2018

Please submit your [eligibility form](#), cover letter and résumé by Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 at 5 pm to jobs@thestop.org with the subject heading: Community Garden Assistant- Green Barn.

Target timeline for interviews to be held at the Green Barn location: the week of June 4th and June 11th, 2018.

The Stop Community Food Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applicants from equity-seeking groups. Priority will be given to qualified candidates who are of Indigenous ancestry, and/ or Black, and/ or (otherwise) racialized.

Internal candidates are encouraged to apply. We regret that only those applicants being considered will be contacted. No faxes or phone calls please.