



EcoSource is seeking a
Community Gardens Program Assistant
Full-time, 35hrs per week, June – August 2009

EcoSource is an innovative environmental organization that empowers the community to become more environmentally responsible through creative public education.

Since 2006, EcoSource has been a leader in the development of community gardening programs in the City of Mississauga. Our offices are located in Port Credit, Mississauga and our gardening programs are delivered across the Region of Peel. The Community Gardens Program Assistant will be responsible for supporting EcoSource staff in the development, implementation and management of Community Gardening Projects in collaboration with our municipal and community partner organizations. This position is an excellent summer opportunity for those wishing to gain experience in organic food gardening, community development and environmental education at a grass roots level!

Responsibilities:

- Manage daily garden maintenance and operations at community garden sites under the supervision of EcoSource staff.
- Assist with the development and delivery of community educational workshops and events related to community gardening hosted at garden sites.
- Support volunteer gardeners and groups visiting garden sites.
- Coordinate regular email, written and telephone communication with garden program participants and volunteers.
- Coordinate plant growth in community food plots, harvests, and delivery of produce to local food banks
- Track garden related program statistics, budgets and expenses.

Qualifications:

- A comprehensive knowledge of organic gardening principals, related environmental issues and local food systems.
- Strong belief in creating social change by empowering individuals and families to produce their own food.
- Food gardening or farming experience (preferred but not essential, training will be provided).
- Basic knowledge of very simple construction and/or a willingness to learn.
- Willingness to undertake physical tasks in an outdoor setting, in a variety of weather conditions.
- Highly observant working style with an attention to detail.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to deal compassionately with all members of the community.
- Good organizational skills, responsible and creative approach to tasks and problem solving.
- Energetic individual with an ability to work independently, and a team oriented work ethic.
- Experience delivering educational programming to a diverse audience.
- Experience working with and/or coordinating volunteer groups.
- Valid driver's license and access to reliable vehicle for transportation.
- Familiarity with the environmental sector and programming in the Region of Peel.
- Due to requirements of HRSDC funding, the successful candidate **MUST** be 15-30 years of age, legally able to work in Canada, have been in full-time studies in the previous year and be returning to full time studies in the fall of 2009.

Application Information:

This is a full time (35 hrs per week) 12 week contract position. Regular weekend work will be required. This position is paid at an hourly rate of \$14.50/hr from June 1 – August 21, 2009 (with the potential for extension/ part-time fall work with new funds raised). **Deadline for applications is May 22, 2009.** Interviews are planned for the week of May 25th, with a start date of June 1. EcoSource offers a great team-oriented work environment with excellent opportunities for skills expansion.

*The EcoSource office is in Mississauga and is a 10 minute walk from the Port Credit Go Station.
EcoSource provides equal opportunity in employment and encourages applications from all qualified persons.*

To apply: please submit a resume and a one-page letter outlining your interest in this position, related experiences and vehicle access no later than May 22, 2009 by email (preferred) or by fax (but please not both) to:

Carolyn Bailey, Gardens Program Coordinator, EcoSource: cbailey (at) ecosource.ca / 905-274-4387

Please note that resumes without an accompanying cover letter will not be reviewed.

No phone calls please! We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.