



JOB TITLE: Real Food Challenge Lead on Food Sovereignty

ANTICIPATED START DATE: June 15th, 2016 (start date can be negotiated)

LOCATION: anywhere in Canada

Meal Exchange is looking for a passionate, motivated and organized student to integrate research and expertise on how post-secondary institutions can support/create food sovereignty through food procurement policies, to write a position paper summarizing this research to outline values and criteria for the Real Food Challenge,* and to design and lead a national Committee on Indigenous Food Sovereignty for post-secondary students across Canada.

**The Real Food Challenge leverages the power of youth and post-secondary campuses to create a sustainable, socially just, humane and healthy food system. It is piloting in British Columbia during Spring and Summer 2016. During the pilot phase, students across B.C. are testing the standards, resources and models to strengthen the program. Please visit our website for more information: www.mealexchange.com.*

About Meal Exchange

Meal Exchange is a national registered charity that empowers post-secondary students to take an active role in improving their local food system. Through research, educational activities and connecting with campus and community stakeholders, our programs support post-secondary students to build more just and sustainable food systems on campuses and with local communities.

Our vision is a country where everyone has access to affordable, healthy, sustainable and socially just food. Our national office, based in Toronto, provides support, resources and mentorship to students on 40 campuses across Canada.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Integrate feedback from Advisors on food sovereignty, food security, seed sovereignty and Indigenous food sovereignty
- Work in collaboration with Real Food Challenge National Coordinator to write a position paper on Food Sovereignty
- Collaborate with Indigenous Students' Unions across Canada to ask for feedback on engaging with food work
- Research Indigenous youth food movements
- Design Meal Exchange Indigenous Food Sovereignty Committee, in partnership with Real Food Challenge U.S.
- Develop ideas for Indigenous food sovereignty component for the National Student Food Summit 2017
- Join in online meetings with students from B.C. and across Canada
- Attend the B.C. Summer Retreat in Nanaimo, B.C.

Desired Attributes:

- Must be a student under the age of 30, returning to campus in the fall and eligible to work in Canada to meet funding requirements
- Interest in food systems
- Knowledge of and passion for topics of food sovereignty, including seed sovereignty, Indigenous food sovereignty and food security
- Experience with or excitement about self-directed research projects
- Confident in uncertain and complex situations
- Highly organized, motivated and detail-oriented
- Able to work both independently and collaboratively
- Strong communication and facilitation skills (previous experience with facilitation/organization is helpful but not required)
- Strong writing skills
- Bonus: Available to attend the National Student Food Summit in Toronto, June 17th-19th (*although attendance is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged*)

HOURS:

- 35 hours/week for 10 weeks, Monday-Friday + weekend of B.C. Retreat (mandatory) and National Student Food Summit (if possible)

WAGE:

- Varies depending on minimum wage of province

Please send a Cover Letter and CV to celia@mealexchange.com by 5pm on **May 31st**

Meal Exchange is committed to having a team that reflects the diversity of the issues and communities we work with. We welcome the wide range of experiences and viewpoints that researchers may bring, including those based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, age and religion. We welcome both lived and academic experience, and encourage applicants to note this in their application. In our inclusive workplace everyone is assured the right of equitable, fair, and respectful treatment.