



FOODSHARE TORONTO

Overview:

An opportunity for a student passionate about food justice – and its intersections with the right to food, racial and environmental justice, reconciliation, body liberation, and anti-poverty work – to gain skills and experience in community food programming with adults and seniors.

The placement:

At FoodShare, we advocate for food justice by supporting community-based food initiatives and through ongoing advocacy and public education. Our vision is a Toronto where all people can feed themselves, their loved ones and their communities with dignity and joy.

The Community Learning & Engagement (CLE) team facilitates learning experiences about food that center conversations around power and justice in the food system. We focus on culturally affirming workshops that honor participants' prior knowledge and food skills. We create learning environments where participants of all ages can share and build on their knowledge about the food system and can identify ways to engage in creating change. Our workshops use curricula that connects to our work on the right to food, racial and environmental justice, reconciliation, body liberation and fat acceptance, and anti-poverty work.

The position:

This placement position will shadow and support the CLE team's adult and senior programming, which may include (but is not limited to): community kitchen workshops, community garden sessions, and anti-oppression and/or anti-racism trainings. Placement position responsibilities will be decided collaboratively with the student and supervisor, based on the student's interests and specific learning goals. Tasks could include:

- Supporting the delivery of community-based cooking workshops (set-up and kitchen prep, facilitation, clean-up, etc.)
- Assisting with evaluation activities (administering surveys, gathering participant feedback, data input and analysis)
- General program support (check-in calls with participants, community garden workdays)

The opportunity:

This is an opportunity for a student who is eager to make "food justice" an action word – someone who is excited to learn more about delivering equitable community food programming. This student will gain experience working directly with participants in community, build concrete program planning, development, and evaluation skills, and deepen their knowledge of putting theoretical frameworks connected to food justice (e.g.: anti-racism, anti-oppression, anti-colonial, feminist) into practice in programming.

The ideal candidate:

A student with demonstrated commitment to food justice, with strong interpersonal and communication skills. Participants that this candidate will interact with are mostly BIPOC folks and other marginalized communities disproportionately impacted by food insecurity and poverty, candidates with shared lived experiences will be prioritized.

How to apply:

For more information about the course and application process go to:

<https://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/cel-courses/cel-how-to-apply/>

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