

We are hiring!

The research collective for ‘Creating food sovereignty through rematriation, land sharing, and relationship building’ is looking for a community-based research assistant

Applications due: November 30th, 2019

Position timeline: January 2020 – January, 2021 with possibility to increase hours and/or to extend for a second year.

Location: Remote work is possible but we ask that the research assistant is available for travel to south-western Ontario at least one time during the contract. Travel expenses will be covered through the grant.

The project:

Our research project aims to support the convergence of food sovereign peoples in ways that advance dialogue and action for Indigenous land rematriation. Project goals include:

1. Develop resources for Indigenous women, two spirit folks, and their communities and relations to reconnect with and return to their traditional territories.
2. Build relationships for food sovereignty that centre Indigenous land and food systems.
3. Working towards decolonizing relationships to one another and the lands we live on.

The research collective uses anti-colonial feminist methodologies to do community-based research based on the above goals. Our research collective currently includes Indigenous and settler academics, food provisioners, and community-based activists: Sarah Rotz, Adrienne Lickers, Ayla Fenton, Danielle Boissoneau, Terran Giacomini, and Lauren Kepkiewicz.

The position:

We are looking for a research assistant to support the work of this research project for approximately 140 hours (potential for increase) over a 12 month period for \$35/hour. Potential tasks include:

- Helping the research collective to organize an in-person multi-day gathering for Indigenous and settler food activists to build and discuss relationships
- Coordinate and participate in monthly team meetings with the research collective (i.e. using google chat or another online platform). These meetings will provide space to discuss the research, ask questions, and get to know one another.
- Note taking and transcription of interviews
- Preparing materials to share research findings with the general public (i.e. writing blogs for the project’s website and updating social media).
- Research assistants will have the opportunity to participate in workshops to develop skills around community-based and Indigenous research methodologies.
- If the community-based researcher is interested, there may be opportunities to participate in writing academic papers and presenting at conferences. However, this participation in academic writing is not required. Any potential travel will be covered through the grant.

Who we are looking for:

The ideal research assistant will have the following:

- Lived experience, or as an ally, a strong understanding of Indigenous communities. Indigenous applicants will be prioritized
- Commitment to decolonization and anti-racism
- Background in community organizing
- Knowledge of and/or a desire to learn about community-based research, feminist, and Indigenous research methodologies
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team with good communication skills
- Please note: you do not need to have experience in or be currently enrolled in a post-secondary academic institution.

How to apply:

Please send your application to: lauren.kepkiewicz@ucalgary.ca with *RA Application for Creating Food Sovereignty* in the subject line. Include your resume, a paragraph about why you are interested in this position, and two references.

We encourage Indigenous people, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, racialized folks, and members of other under-represented communities to apply. Thank you!