



Education & Training Research Assistant

Activating Change Together for Community Food Security (ACT for CFS) is a vibrant-5 year (2010-2015) participatory research project of the Nova Scotia Food Security Network (www.nsfoodsecurity.org) and Food Action Research Centre (www.foodarc.ca), with over 60 partner organizations committed to building community food security in NS and beyond. Rooted in lived experiences, real community needs and innovative solutions, ACT for CFS amplifies and broadens conversation, research, and action to strengthen capacity for policy change.

Are you someone with a passion for food, social justice and social change?

Community- & university-based researchers have collected a tremendous amount of research on different aspects of community food security in Nova Scotia. During the next several months, we will be sharing these early results with our team and preparing to engage communities in conversations to move towards policy action plans. In addition, we're gathering information on what we're learning about community food security, working collaboratively, and how we're building capacity at multiple levels. We're seeking **one (1) part-time Research Assistant** to support the **Education & Training Working Group**. Please visit www.foodarc.ca for more information. We are open to candidates applying to both positions.

Education & Training Working Group Research Assistant

As part of ACT for CFS, the Education and Training Working Group is working to increase knowledge and skills of students and team members in participatory action research, community food security and the development of strategies for policy change through innovative and diverse educational and training opportunities. **This Working Group is seeking a Research Assistant (current student preferred, but not an absolute requirement) until December 2013 (with a strong possibility of extension) to:**

- Provide logistical coordination of student learning opportunities by:
 - Liaising with potential supervisors about student learning opportunities.
 - Matching students to opportunities within the project.
 - Monitoring the use of tools to support student learning experiences and adapt as needed.
 - Gathering evaluation information on the experience for the student, the community organization, and the overall project.
 - Keeping supervisors and students informed about how the student opportunities are assisting in the overall outcome of the ACT for CFS project.
 - Communicating with supervisors and students on the relevance of the student training opportunities and the overall project.
- Support dissemination and evaluation of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) discussion paper and checklist; plus support further research and paper publication.
- Provide ongoing assistance to the Education and Training Working Group: meeting planning, note taking, and related duties.



- Meet regularly with the other ACT for CFS Research Assistants, community partners, and others to assist in project communication and co-ordination; plus providing logistical support on major events such as project team gathering and community dialogues.
- Other duties, as determined by the Working Group

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree, with experience, or a Masters degree, in a related field (Social sciences and Health-related disciplines, e.g., Adult Education, Nutrition, Health Promotion, Community Development, Social Work)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (including Word, Powerpoint, Excel)

Assets

- Specific experience and/or interest working in community food security;
- Strong written and oral communication skills, particularly an ability to engage with a range of stakeholders using audience-appropriate and clear language;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Experience mentoring or working with other students;
- Understanding and experience in working in community learning and development, particularly adult education;
- Interest in, or experience of, participatory action research methods;
- Experience in working with diverse communities; and
- Access to personal laptop.

How to apply:

Please prepare a cover letter (addressed to: *Selection Committee*) and résumé in one electronic file (pdf is preferred) and email to satya.ramen@msvu.ca

If you intend to apply to both positions, then please indicate this in your cover letter and address both sets of selection criteria.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Student applicants are preferred, but not required.

Closing Date: Monday, June 10th, 2013 @ 4 pm

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