



Job Advertisement: Coordinator of Agriculture Program for Indigenous Youth

Organization: Agriculture in the Classroom SK (AITC-SK)

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Location: Saskatchewan, Canada, remote work, will be required to travel

About Us:

At Agriculture in the Classroom SK (AITC-SK), we believe in the importance of cultivating a sustainable agriculture and food system. Our commitment is to inspire and empower the next generation of change-makers and solution-finders in the agriculture industry. We recognize that the future of agriculture lies in the hands of courageous, committed, and creative leaders from all walks of life, including those from Indigenous communities.

Project Summary:

AITC-SK is embarking on an exciting journey with an Agriculture Program for Indigenous Youth. The program aims to foster an inclusive and diverse agricultural industry while empowering Indigenous youth living in Reserve communities. By intersecting Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), and agriculture, we seek to enhance their STEM skills and knowledge of traditional and contemporary agriculture practices. This initiative also aims to create awareness of rewarding careers in agriculture and foster a connection to the land and its stewardship among Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants.

Job Description:

As the Coordinator of the Agriculture Program for Indigenous Youth, you will play a crucial role in developing and leading this innovative program. Your responsibilities will include:

- **Program Development:** Collaboratively develop culturally appropriate programming that combines STEM and agriculture, ensuring it aligns with the values, traditions, and needs of Indigenous communities.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage 6-8 Indigenous communities to participate in the program. Work closely with community Elders, Chief and Council, School Administrators, and Educators to gain their support and involvement.
- **Partnerships:** Engage with organizations that share an interest in STEM education and Indigenous youth. Forge partnerships with entities such as First Nations University of Canada, FSIN, Saskatchewan Industry Education Council (SIEC), College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and National Indigenous Agriculture Association Ltd.
- **Inclusive Collaboration:** Lead a journey of listening, learning, sharing, and brainstorming, involving Indigenous knowledge keepers, students, educators, community leaders, scientists,



engineers, farmers, ranchers, and AITC staff. Respect and honor Indigenous traditions and values while fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment.

Qualifications:

To be successful in this role, you should possess the following qualifications and attributes:

- **Indigenous Background:** You identify as Indigenous, Métis, or Inuit, with lived experience in Indigenous communities and an understanding of Indigenous knowledge and traditions related to agriculture and the land.
- **Education and Experience:** A degree in agriculture, environmental studies, Indigenous studies, or a related field is preferred. Experience in program coordination, community engagement, and partnership building is highly valuable.
- **Passion for Education:** A passion for education and empowering youth, particularly in STEM and agriculture fields, is essential. Experience in creating culturally appropriate and inclusive educational programs is an asset.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to engage effectively with diverse stakeholders and create a collaborative and supportive environment.
- **Organizational Skills:** Strong organizational and project management abilities to lead program development, coordinate activities, and meet project deadlines.

How to Apply:

If you are a passionate and committed individual with a vision for an inclusive and sustainable agriculture industry, we invite you to apply for this position. Please submit your resume, a cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications for the role, and any relevant references to Sara Shymko at sara@aitc.sk.ca. Apply early, applications will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Together, let's create a brighter future for Indigenous youth and a stronger, more diverse agriculture industry. Join us on this transformative journey today!