



Post-Secondary Research Assistant (Canada Summer Jobs)

Primary Function:

Under the direction of the Co-Leads of the program, Dr. Sue Chiblow and Haley MacLeod (Research Associates of NORDIK Institute), the Assistant Coordinator will assist with coordinating and research activities related to Aki Kikinomakaywin (Learning on the land) project.

Project Description:

Aki Kikinomakaywin (Learning on the land) is an Indigenous- and women-led program focused on supporting Ontario's First Nation youth in overcoming the disproportionate socio-economic barriers that they face in accessing post-secondary STEM-based education. This program aims to accomplish this through improving confidence and comfort around attending post-secondary institutions through an immersive water focused, hands-on, land based, Indigenous- and women-led experience. Approximately 60 Ontario First Nation youth (Ages 12-14) from northern communities will be invited to participate in a one-week on-campus program at Lakehead or Algoma University that will integrate Indigenous intelligence (i.e., knowledge and science) and western science through a Two-Eyed Seeing Indigenous Impact Assessment framework. Youth will participate in land-based, in-lab, and hands-on activities with a focus on Indigenous language exposure throughout. Youth will leave with improved STEM career awareness, and knowledge of post-secondary institution programs, program requirements and available resources. Youth will be surrounded by Indigenous Knowledge Holders, Elders, and student mentors throughout the program and will be supported through ceremony and camaraderie.

Responsibilities include:

- Helping to develop activities and related teaching materials for the program
- Helping with necessary communications with program partners to help with planning and program development
- Participate in bi-weekly meetings with the program Co-Leads, and monthly meetings with the advisory group
- Helping with different administrative tasks such as budget maintenance, document organization, report writing, survey development, etc.
- Play a concerted role in researching relevant information and preparing posts for the program's social media accounts. For example, infographics will be prepared discussing data and information related to education barriers faced by First Nation youth, as well as highlight Indigenous scientists and the members of our Advisory Group
- Help to develop and maintain program website
- Participate in training activities;
- Attend NORDIK Team meetings.

Skills Preferred:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Research experience
- Ability to organize and work independently and as a team player
- Familiarity with Indigenous communities
- Familiarity with computer word processing and presentation applications and videoconferencing applications (Google Meet, Zoom, or WebEx)
- Some knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM)

Qualifications:

To be eligible to participate in the Canada Summer Jobs initiative, individuals must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- Be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or persons to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and,
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

Working Conditions: The hours of work will be 35 hours per week. Working hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday with some flexibility in working hours permitted. The position is 8 weeks in duration and will start May 30.

Fields of Study: Community Development, Anishinaabe or Indigenous Studies, Environmental Studies, Environmental Science, or another related field in the Sciences or Social Sciences.

Wage: \$20.00/hour x 35 hours/per week x 8 weeks

Deadline for applications: May 20, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Please send cover letter and resume to: sean.meades@algomau.ca
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