



### **Post-Secondary Research Assistant (Canada Summer Jobs)**

#### **Primary Function:**

Under the direction of Dr. Laura Wyper, the Research Assistant will be responsible for a variety of research duties.

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- Conduct primary and/or secondary research related to food systems, agriculture, and related topics
- Identify and engage with relevant stakeholders
- Transcription
- Analyze and summarize data
- Disseminate information to stakeholders, partners, and other relevant parties and assist with project communications, including public presentations
- Assist with writing and feedback gathering
- Attend NORDIK Team meetings

The changing dynamic of COVID-19 on the regional agri-food economy has had reverberating impacts on many areas including increased interest in local food, in-migration of new residents, labour force gaps, rising material costs and the rise in real estate prices. These impacts will have positive, negative, and unknown impacts on Algoma's agri-food sector. The RAIN wants to focus on the issue of rural migration during this period to determine what potential impacts it will have on land access, business succession, labour, markets and land ownership. RAIN aims to understand how these impacts will affect the different facets of Algoma's agri-food sector, which include the Anabaptist communities, commodity growers (cash crop, dairy, beef), processors and small farms providing products for niche/specialty markets.

#### **Skills Preferred:**

- Research skills, including previous experience with literature reviews and secondary data collection
- Knowledge of Indigenous cultures
- Strong organizational and time management
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Excellent social media skills
- Knowledge of grant/proposal writing
- Familiarity with various media outlets and social media
- Experience with Microsoft and/or G-Suite Applications
- Can work independently and cooperatively by distance

#### **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. Successful applicants should generally be available to the supervisor and able to attend meetings by distance scheduled between the hours of 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:** experience in sustainable agriculture, food systems, community economic and social development, and familiarity and/or related work experience would be assets as these fields of study are all directly tied to the research being undertaken.

**Wage:** \$15.00/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](mailto:sean.meades@algomau.ca)  
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