



JOB TITLE: Good Food Challenge Research Leads: Health, Sustainable Seafood, Human Rights

ANTICIPATED START DATE: May 15th 2018

LOCATION: Location TBD (candidates from all locations in Canada may apply)

Position Overview

Meal Exchange is looking for a passionate, motivated and organized student to integrate research and expertise on standards for health, sustainable seafood, and/or human rights violations, to outline values and criteria for the Good Food Challenge.

The Good Food Challenge Research Lead will work with the Meal Exchange national network, including professional and academic advisors, student researchers and student volunteers, to design, test and strengthen standards for the Good Food Guide. These standards will be implemented across Canada as a component of the Good Food Challenge, and must be relevant to the Canadian context, responsive to the needs of the diverse communities across the country, and ambitious enough to achieve higher standards in sustainable and healthy food systems on campuses across Canada.

Major Responsibilities

The **Good Food Challenge Research Lead** will work with the Meal Exchange national network, including professional and academic advisors, student researchers and student volunteers, to design, test and strengthen standards for the Good Food Guide. Depending on the applicant's areas of expertise and passion, the research will include one, or a combination of the following topics:

- Health and Wellness - this includes concepts of food accessibility, food literacy, and more
- Sustainable Seafood - including wild seafood and aquaculture sites
- Human Rights - this will focus on legal research including provincial and national laws, international human rights standards, and effective tools for measuring the application of human rights

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Key Roles:

- Collaborating
 - Work closely with experts in relevant fields to solicit and integrate feedback
 - Ensure that a diversity of voices are acknowledged and represented, giving space to voices that are often underrepresented or unheard, such as Indigenous leaders and students
 - Work with the Meal Exchange national network to connect the research to other programs, such as hosting webinars for other Meal Exchange students, designing educational materials to summarize the research, and other tasks
- Researching
 - Complete a thorough and detail-oriented literature review on relevant topics to inform the

- development of Good Food standards
- Designing
 - Consult advisors, Meal Exchange staff, student researchers and relevant literature in an iterative process in order to design Good Food standards that are researchable, achievable, and representative of Meal Exchange values
- Writing
 - Work in collaboration with Good Food Challenge National Coordinator to update Good Food Challenge position papers to reflect the most up-to-date research

Desired Attributes/Experience/Skills:

- Must be under the age of 30, returning to campus in the fall and eligible to work in Canada to meet funding requirements
- Knowledge of and passion for one or more of the following:
 - Health in a holistic perspective
 - Sustainable Seafood, from a diversity of perspectives, including small-scale fisheries, aquaculture, and Indigenous seafood systems
- Experience with or excitement about self-directed research projects
- Confident with complex and detailed research
- Excellent writing skills in the English language
- Highly organized, motivated and detail-oriented
- Able to work both independently and collaborate with others
- Excellent interpersonal, self-management, organizational and communication skills
- Ability to take initiative and engage in active learning
- Openness to new perspectives and desire to do solutions-focused work with a diverse group of stakeholders
- Previous experience with event organizing an asset (not required)

About Meal Exchange

Meal Exchange is a national registered charity that empowers post-secondary students to take an active role in improving their local food system. Through research, educational activities and connecting with campus and community stakeholders, our programs support post-secondary students to build more just and sustainable food systems on campuses and with local communities.

Our vision is a country where everyone has access to affordable, healthy, sustainable and socially just food. Our national office, based in Toronto, provides support, resources and mentorship to students on 40 campuses across Canada.

HOURS:

- 37.5 hours/week for 8-12 weeks **[exact hours dependent on Canada Summer Jobs Funding]**

WAGE:

- Minimum wage in your region **[wage dependent on Canada Summer Jobs Funding]**

To apply

Please send a combined Cover Letter and CV to celia@mealexchange.com with the subject “**Good Food Challenge Research Lead, First and last name**”. Applications will be received on a rolling basis until 5pm PST on April 20th.

Funding for this position is available for students returning to postsecondary school in the fall of 2017, under the age of 30 and eligible to work in Canada.

Meal Exchange is committed to having a team that reflects the diversity of the issues and communities we work with. We welcome the wide range of experiences and viewpoints that researchers may bring, including those based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, age and religion. We welcome both lived and academic experience, and encourage applicants to note this in their application. In our inclusive workplace, we work to assure everyone the right of equitable, fair, and respectful treatment.