



JOB TITLE: Good Food Challenge Standards Committee Co-Chair and Research Lead

ANTICIPATED START DATE: May 15th 2018 [exact date TBD]

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

Position Overview

Meal Exchange is looking for a passionate, motivated and organized student to work as the Co-Chair of Meal Exchange's Good Food Challenge Standards Committee, (also known as the Student Standards Committee), and to lead key research projects to strengthen the Good Food Standards.

The Good Food Challenge Standards Committee Co-Chair and Research Lead will lead the Student Standards Committee to 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 to inform best practices in sustainable, socially-just, humane and local food systems, and will leverage campus purchasing power away from industrialized junk food and toward foods that nourish people, animals, the planet and communities. The standards 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 campus food systems across Canada.

Major Responsibilities

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Key Roles:

- Co-Chair responsibilities
 - Learn about previous rounds of the Student Standards Committee in order to effectively design and lead
 - Take leadership as co-chair of the Student Standards Committee, by scheduling meetings, planning agendas, facilitating discussions, and identifying topics of research
 - Manage the Student Standards Committee members via email, social media and phone, to ensure that all members participate appropriately, complete research tasks, and feel heard/acknowledged within a diverse group of voices and opinions
 - Consult directly with experts across Canada on specific research questions, and facilitate professional, effective and rewarding relationships between Student Standard Committee members and experts to thoroughly research and understand complex ideas
 - Work with the Meal Exchange national network to connect Good Food Challenge research to other programs, such as hosting webinars for other Meal Exchange students,

designing educational materials to summarize the research, and other tasks

- Research responsibilities
 - Identify a diversity of experts/advisors who can inform and strengthen the Good Food Challenge standards, paying close attention to seeking out voices that are often underrepresented or unheard, such as Indigenous leaders, migrant workers, and those with precarious employment status
 - Maintain relationships with experts/advisors to ensure their voices are heard and their consultation experience is rewarding
 - Complete any research gaps that members of the Student Standards Committee are not able to complete, including researching certifications on the Canadian market, and more
 - Take leadership on researching and proposing a final draft for Good Food disqualifiers, including human rights violations and animal rights violations

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 food systems
- Experience with or excitement about self-directed research projects
- Strong team management and facilitation skills
- Confident with complex and detailed research
- Strong 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

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 Standards Committee Co-Chair and 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.