

Position: Nature Educator (2 positions available)

Salary: \$17.00 per hour

Dates: Late April through August 2019 (some flexibility in start and end dates)

Please note this position is contingent upon funding.

Description:

Working with Toronto Botanical Garden education and horticultural teams, the Nature Educators will plan, maintain, and interpret TBG's Teaching Garden and lead the inclusion of Indigenous and cultural/botanical heritage and/or accessibility focused plants and programs. This garden is tended to by children attending TBG school programs and camps. The harvest is shared between them and a local food bank. Our educational programs, many of which support the Ontario school curriculum, will immerse children in the natural world and draw connections for children between the natural world, art, and culture. Students will participate in hands-on activities including planting and working in the garden, learning about plants, soils, and animals that live in the garden, and creating nature art. More information on TBG school programs and camps can be found at <http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/category/learn/school/> and <http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/category/learn/kids/>

Why work with Toronto Botanical Garden?

- Make a positive difference in the lives of children
- Encourage positive sustainable behaviours
- Network and build lasting relationships with fellow environmental educators and gardeners
- Work with supervisors who advance your career development through mentoring
- Work alongside and network with gardeners, horticulturalists, and others who are leading experts in their fields
- Work on a small team of enthusiastic, creative and hard-working, educators
- Spend your work days in the beautiful landscape of TBG, Edwards Gardens, and the Wilket Creek ravine.

Responsibilities:

Education (50%)

- Assist with planning and delivery of curriculum-based garden programs for pre-school, elementary and middle-school Students, and camp children.

Farming/Gardening (20%)

- Assist with the planting, maintenance, and harvesting of vegetables, fruit and herbs.

Indigenous and heritage and/or accessibility focused garden projects (15%)

- Research, plan, and implement Indigenous and cultural/botanical heritage or special needs focused garden projects.
- Track and record seed and plant sources and performance.

Other Duties (15%)

- Leading staff, volunteers, and interns in garden work.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate for this position is an enthusiastic educator with a passion for food, plants, and gardens. This person should be motivated and able to work independently as well as in a team.

In addition, the successful candidates must:

- have experience working with and educating children, especially outdoors
- be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions,
- be physically able and willing to conduct garden maintenance,
- be fluent in English with excellent oral communication skills,
- have basic proficiency in the Microsoft Office suite,
- be creative, patient, flexible and positive,
- and have, or be willing to acquire, a current Police Reference Check and basic First Aid certificate.

A drivers licence and occasional access to a car is an asset.

Eligibility:

This is a Canadian Heritage YCW supported position for **full-time Students** who are intending to return to full-time studies in the next semester.

You are eligible if you:

- are a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada; **Note:** Non-Canadian Students holding temporary work visas or awaiting permanent status are not eligible.
- are legally entitled to work in Canada,
- are between 16 and 30 years of age at the start of employment,
- are registered in the YCW on-line Candidates inventory,
- are willing to commit to the full duration of the work assignment,

- do not have another full-time job (over 30 hours a week) while employed with YCW,
- have been a full-time Student (as defined by your educational institution) in the semester preceding the YCW job,
- have finished the school term at the start of employment,
- and intend to return to full-time studies in the semester following the YCW job.

Adjacent to the Wilket Creek Ravine, the Toronto Botanical Garden offers an array of 17 award-winning themed gardens spanning nearly four acres, designed to educate and inspire. The TBG also offers a range of innovative indoor and outdoor learning experiences for all ages, including classes, symposia, tours, camps, field trips and an extensive horticultural library. For more information on the TBG please visit torontobotanicalgarden.ca.

Application Procedure:

Applications will only be considered if they include the following information in the cover letter:

1. Confirmation that you satisfy all the YCW eligibility requirements listed above, including your intention to return to full time studies in the fall.
2. Confirmation that you are registered, or intend to register, in the online Young Canada Works Candidates inventory.

Qualified Candidates are invited to submit a **resume and cover letter as one PDF** file by April 7, 2019 to:

Rebecca Niblett
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Committed to employment equity, the Toronto Botanical Garden encourages applications from Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of visible minority groups and women.

Accessibility-related accommodations during the application process are available upon request.

Please note that only applicants entered on the Young Canada Works Candidates inventory can be considered.

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.