

Position: Lead Nature Educator

Salary: \$18.00 per hour

Dates: May through August 2019 (some flexibility with start date)

Please note the deadline for this position has been extended until the position is filled.

Description:

Working within the Toronto Botanical Garden education team, the Lead Nature Educator will plan and deliver nature-based programs for elementary school groups and summer camps. These programs, which support the Ontario school curriculum, immerse children in the natural world and draw connections for children between the natural world and art and culture. Students will participate in hands-on activities including water testing in Wilket Creek, exploring habitats in the Wilket Creek ravine, farming in TBG's Teaching Garden, and creating nature art. More information on TBG school programs and camps can be found at www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/school and www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/kids

Why work with Toronto Botanical Garden?

- Make a positive difference in the lives of children
- Encourage sustainable behaviours through education
- Network and build lasting relationships with fellow environmental educators
- Work with supervisors who advance your career development through mentoring
- 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:

- Develop and deliver new and revise existing curriculum-connected educational programs for elementary and middle school students and camp children.
- Take a lead role in the planning and delivery of toddler and caregiver programs.
- Direct the planning, preparation and delivery of nature-based summer camps for children between the ages of 3 and 13, including some from high-needs communities.
- Maintain TBG's learning spaces, including the classroom and its plants, vermicomposting worms and fish.

- Assist with the supervision of a small number of summer staff and volunteers.
- Perform some administrative duties.
- Conduct other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate for this position is an enthusiastic educator with a passion for natural heritage interpretation. A teacher's degree is not required but preference will be given to those pursuing one. An academic background in the natural sciences is also considered an asset. In addition, the successful candidate must:

- be fluent in English with excellent oral communication,
- have experience working with children and youth from schools and/or camps,
- have experience in environmental or outdoor education,
- have experience with the Ontario elementary school curriculum and/or curriculum design,
- have an interest in horticulture, food security, environmental science and/or nature,
- have experience with and be comfortable taking a leadership role in a small team,
- have moderate proficiency in Microsoft Office suite,
- be creative, patient, flexible and positive,
- be able to work as a member of a team and independently,
- be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions,
- and have, or be willing to acquire, a current Vulnerable Sector Police Reference Check and basic first aid certificate.

Eligibility:

This is a Canadian Heritage YCW supported position for a **full-time student** who is 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 (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 candidate 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.

About Toronto Botanical Garden:

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 candidate inventory.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a **resume and cover letter as one PDF** file to:

Rebecca Niblett
Children's Education Supervisor, School Programs
childensed@torontobotanicalgarden.ca

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.

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