

Education and Research

Type: Volunteer

Anticipated Start Date: January 2, 2020

Time Commitment: Approximately 4-6 hours per month

Term Length: 3 years

Location: Thunder Bay, Ontario

The Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy is committed to creating a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system that contributes to the economic, ecological, and social well-being and health of the city of Thunder Bay and Area.

We are looking for an **Education and Research** representative to join our Executive Committee. The Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy welcome a wide range of professional and lived experiences, backgrounds and perspectives. We encourage applications from the Thunder Bay and Area including Shuniah, O'Connor, Conmee, Thunder Bay, Neebing, Oliver Paipooonge, Fort William First Nation and Gillies as we are committed to having a Committee that reflects the communities we work with.

What will you be doing?

- Liaison with the students and administration of Lakehead University, Confederation College and other post-secondary institutions
- Represent the TBAFS at special events or media launches throughout the year
- Attend monthly Executive Committee meetings and maintaining communication with the Coordinator
- Participate in networking, research, working group meetings and activities that strengthen the TBAFS
- Communicate regularly with TBAFS Team and Executive Committee
- Assist in the development of an operational strategy that compliments the TBAFS strategic priorities
- Assisting in the administration of some projects including securing resources and overseeing the budget, advising on timelines and grant applications, reviewing requests for letters of support, reporting to funders and key stakeholders
- Determine resource needs and develop plans to secure them

Who are we looking for?

- An individual who will bring a food systems lens to our work
- An individual affiliated with Lakehead University or Confederation College
- Knowledge of food systems work in the region generally
- Experience in research (academic and practical) and support the TBAFS through research related funding
- Knowledge and experience in strategic planning including identifying funding, partnership opportunities, and strategies for moving the TBAFS and its projects forward
- Aware of community concerns that can be addressed by the TBAFS's mission, objectives, and projects;
- A team player who will maintain positive working relationships, with sensitivity and open-mindedness of differing views
- Able to commit to at least 6 hours per month for 3 years
- Must be based in the Thunder Bay and Area

Assets to the TBAFS Executive Committee but not required

- Financial background in managing an operational budget
- Experience in capacity building and food policy analyses

Please email foodstrategyadmin@ecosuperior.org by November 4th with your resume and paragraph expressing:

1. Your passion and engagement in the regional food system
2. Your vision for creating a healthy, equitable and sustainable food system
3. Your knowledge of sustainable, healthy, local and culturally appropriate foods.

For current Executive Committee members seeking a re-election, please send a paragraph with the above focus areas to foodstrategyadmin@ecosuperior.org by November 4th expressing your interest in re-election.