

Work Study Position – Fall/Winter – Provost’s Office & Trinity Integrated Sustainability Initiative

Urban Agriculture Assistant

Job ID: 241049

Trinity Integrated Sustainability Initiative

University of Toronto – Trinity College

Department Overview:

Trinity College is a small academic college federated with the University of Toronto. The Provost's Office is responsible for implementing the College's strategic vision and leading new initiatives. Trinity College's Integrated Sustainability Initiative aims to transform the student experience by integrating sustainability education and practices into daily life at the College, from academic and co-curricular programming to research opportunities and experiential learning

Position Summary:

We are looking for motivated, passionate students who are interested in contributing to the sustainability movement at Trinity College, and beyond. In anticipation of the Lawson Centre for Sustainability opening in 2025, Trinity College is expanding its urban agriculture operations, which include both indoor and outdoor growing spaces and experiments with shoulder season growing (fall/spring). This project aims to integrate locally grown produce into our campus dining operations, fostering student research, and offering opportunities to engage with various growing practices. The Urban Agriculture Assistant will support this work in a variety of ways, including but not limited to; regular maintenance of indoor and outdoor growing spaces, planting and harvesting crops, conducting detailed measurements of inputs and outputs, and liaising with Trinity's academic programs. The assistant will also contribute to generating a transition report to inform future growing operations. Additional duties will include helping to harvest, process and store produce, experimenting with fall and winter growing, and planning for future growing cycles. The Urban Agriculture Assistant will work with a dynamic team of other work-study students, staff, and faculty.

Qualifications:

- Self-motivated and passionate about environmental, sustainability and agriculture issues, policy and research
- Keen interest in or experience growing food
- Excellent time-management and communication skills
- Able to work under pressure and on tight timelines
- Strong observation and problem-solving skills with keen attention to detail and quality

- Adept at working independently and as part of a team
- Laboratory skills and/or research experience in ecology, agriculture, and plant biology are an asset.

Relevant Competencies:

- Communication
- Goal-setting and prioritization
- Inquiry
- Investigation and synthesis
- Organization & records management
- Project management

Mandatory Trainings:

1. Basic Occupational Health & Safety Awareness Training Program provided by the Office of Environmental Health & Safety available at <https://ehs.utoronto.ca/training/my-ehs-training/>
2. U of T AODA Online Training, provided by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Office, available at <https://people.utoronto.ca/inclusion/accessibility/>
3. Two hours paid training organized by the unit – one hour related to setting and reflecting on learning goals, and one hour for professional development or skills training.

Number of Vacancies: 4

Application Deadline: September 25, 2024 11:59 PM

Application Method: Work-study applications are collected through the [Career Learning Network Application module](#).

Start Date: September 3, 2024

End Date: March 31, 2025

Hours per week: 8 to 12 hours per week (up to 200 hours total)

Remuneration: Work-study pay scale (current rate of pay \$16.55)

Please visit the [University of Toronto's Work-Study website](#) for more information including eligibility.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, due to the anticipated volume of applications, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.