

FarmLINK Outreach & Resource Development Intern Position Description

Employer: FarmStart (<http://www.farmstart.ca>)

Position Title: FarmLINK Outreach & Resource Development Intern

Length of Internship: 6 months, full time

Location: Guelph, Ontario

Start date: Flexible but must be completed by December 15th

Eligibility: This position is funded through the Youth Eco Internship Program (YEIP)* (<http://www.yeip.ca>). Applicants for this position must be:

- Between the ages of 18 and 30
- Unemployed
- A Canadian citizen
- A high school graduate who has not graduated from College or University

Internship Description:

The FarmLINK Outreach & Resource Development Intern will work with the FarmLINK Program Manager to develop case studies and short video profiles of innovative and successful land tenure, farm business and mentoring arrangements for the FarmLINK website (<http://www.farmlink.net>). The Intern will also help to develop outreach, communication and resource materials.

FarmLINK.net is a matchmaking tool that brings together new farmers who are looking for land or mentoring with farmland owners who have land available or expertise to share. By documenting existing working models, the intern will be providing an invaluable resource to those considering similar arrangements.

Through this position, the intern will also have the opportunity to participate in various aspects of FarmStart's daily operations (meetings, events workshops) and to connect with individuals, resources and networks that are supporting new ecological farmers across the province.

We are looking for a results-oriented and self-motivated individual who can also work as part of a team. We hope to find a skilled writer and storyteller who is comfortable interviewing farmers and who can communicate complex ideas in straightforward and creative ways.

Internship Qualifications:

- Extensive writing experience
- Extensive computer proficiency (Microsoft Office, internet applications, etc.)
- Familiarity with broader farm community in Ontario
- Ecological agriculture experience

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience conducting interviews
- Knowledge of and contacts within the organic and broader farm communities
- Relationship-building skills
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Experience working or volunteering with non-profit organizations an asset
- Ability to see tasks through
- Ability to prioritize, set goals, handle multiple tasks

- Comfortable with on-line and telephone communications
- Knowledge of ecological, direct market and mid scale agriculture and emerging local market opportunities an asset
- Video experience an asset

Job Requirements:

- Access to a car and valid driver's license

Email resume and cover letter in a single document (Word or PDF) to:

jobs@farmstart.ca

c/o Ali English

FarmLINK Program Manager, FarmStart

We regret that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

*This program places unemployed people aged 15 to 30 from diverse backgrounds into paid internship opportunities within the non-profit and community services sector in Canada with a focus on the environment. These positions, offered in a wide range of organizations, will help young Canadians learn the skills required to gain and sustain future employment within the sector. The YEI Program is a collaboration between the YMCA and YWCA Canada, with funding provided by the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The YEIP encourages applicants from visible minority, Aboriginal, immigrant, refugee and traditionally marginalized communities to apply, and is committed to providing employment supports wherever possible.