

Part Time Position: Mac Gardens Supervisor

15 hours/week; \$14.25/hour

First week of June to last week of August

Description of the Mac Regenerative Food System Network (MRFSN) project

Mac Campus and the surrounding area is home to several initiatives related to regenerative food systems. However, these projects remain unknown to many students and lack connectivity, integration and collaboration, which limits their potential and resilience. A participatory approach to connect these sustainable food-related projects is essential to create a greater sense of community around Mac and make a real difference in using the synergy of all the projects to create a local and sustainable food system. Moreover, this project aims to enhance the ecosystem services of these local networked initiatives, especially to improve pollinator habitat in the face of unprecedented insect decline.

The primary aim of the Mac Regenerative Food System Network (MRFSN) is to establish a network which integrates the different sustainable food-related initiatives and organizations around Mac Campus. This will effectively create a local regenerative food system that will offer habitat to native wildlife, including beneficial insects and pollinators, and foster symbiotic relationships between these various associations. The community stakeholders with which we will foster collaboration and construct a more resilient food system around Mac include: the Macdonald Permaculture Showcase Garden (MPSG), the McGill Student-Run Ecological Gardens (MSEG), the McGill Senneville Food Forest, SymBioSyn & Kahnawà:ke, the McGill Apiculture Association (MAA), the Fruit Tree Bike Path, John Abbott College (JAC), and the Gardenvale Permaculture Garden.

The Mac Food System Coordinator and Mac Gardens Supervisor will work together to lay the groundwork for the establishment of a perennial network between the different clubs/associations/stakeholders listed, with a designed structure for membership, regular meetings, and collaborations, after which the (MRFSN) will be sufficiently established to be continued by the team of stakeholders in future years.

Position Description:

The Mac Garden Supervisor will be responsible for the expansion, integration and marketing strategy of the McGill Senneville Food Forest and the Macdonald Permaculture Showcase Garden (MPSG). They will train, coordinate and supervise the garden volunteers and their respective projects. Furthermore, the Gardens Supervisor will also co-supervise and direct 7 student research internships/courses along with designated professors.

Practical information:

The work will take place in Sainte Anne de Bellevue, in Montreal's West Island. The employee will be co-supervised throughout the summer by both members of the McGill Permaculture Club and Caroline Begg, Faculty Lecturer at McGill. The position is 15 hours/week from June to end of August (13 weeks) and paid \$14.25/hour. This position was made possible thanks to the Sustainability Projects Fund at McGill. The position tasks are subject to minor changes.

Tasks included:

- Overseeing the expansion, development and integration of the MPSG and the McGill Senneville Food Forest and complement volunteers' work by identifying and assigning tasks.
- Training, coordinating and supervising the garden volunteers and their respective projects.
- Co-supervising 7 student research internships along with designated professors, which involves designing course content, holding weekly meetings with the interns, keeping regular communication with them, and assessing the final product of their work.
- Scheduling and coordinating the volunteer shifts and days in the MPSG and the McGill Senneville Food Forest.
- Helping the volunteers organize workshops related to their projects (e.g. products transformation) and market the value-added products from the garden.
- Organizing the Google Drive with all documented activities properly archived.
- Ensuring institutional memory and is passed on through diligent record keeping and organized and accessible archives.
- Hosting regular garden tours of the MPSG and the McGill Senneville Food Forest.
- Collaborating with the Mac Food System Coordinator

Qualifications:

- Experience in coordinating volunteers and familiarity with scientific research (to co-supervise intern research projects).
- Good communication skills.
- Reliable, responsible and works well independently.
- Comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people to give garden tours.
- Must be ready to work outside regardless of the weather.
- Must be available from June to beginning September.
- Must speak English and French.
- Must have some prior knowledge of sustainable agriculture, permaculture and gardening.
- *Driver's license and car are assets.
- *Being a returning McGill student is an asset.

Learning opportunities:

- Gain experience in coordinating volunteers and supervising student projects.
- Gain a deeper theoretical and practical understanding of sustainable food systems, permaculture and gardening.
- Gain experience in project coordination, working in a team and independently.
- Gain experience working with people from different backgrounds.

How to apply:

Fill out the Google Form here:

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Deadline to apply: **Wednesday May 22nd, 2019 midnight**

If your application is retained, it will be shortly followed by an interview in the week of May 27th to 31st. Training will be provided to selected candidates.

For any questions, do not hesitate to contact us: mcgillpermacultureclub@gmail.com

