



## **Summer Student, Local Food Program Assistant Farms at Work**

30 hours per week for 8 weeks

Farms at Work, a project of Tides Canada, works to keep farmland healthy and active in east central Ontario by increasing awareness of farming as a business option, and attracting new farmers to east central Ontario. We support new farmers with a variety of innovative and regionally appropriate training and mentorship opportunities, help them integrate into the vibrant and diverse agricultural communities across the region and assist them in accessing farmland and funding.

**Position Summary:** The Local Food Program Assistant (Summer Student) will assist with the planning and coordination of Local Food events and projects, including the annual Purple Onion Festival. Special emphasis will be placed on ensuring that local farmers are showcased throughout the season.

**Term:** 30 hours a week for 8 weeks; start date negotiable

**Location:** 317 Reid Street, Peterborough, ON

**Salary:** \$11/hour

### **Responsibilities:**

The Assistant will be directly supervised by the Director of Farms at Work. However, the selected candidate will also have the benefit of meeting and working closely with community partners – including farmers and volunteers with the Transition Town initiative - and co-workers at Farms at Work. Responsibilities will include, but may not be limited to:

- Assist in the planning and coordination of the annual Purple Onion Festival for consumers, growers and providers of local food
- Participate in the planning and coordination of additional local food events over the course of the season
- Prepare material showcasing local farmers for media outreach

### **Requirements:**

This position is made possible with support from Canada Summer Jobs and only applicants who meet all of the following criteria will be considered:

- between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and,
- legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

**Qualifications:**

- An understanding of, and enthusiasm for, food and agriculture
- Experience with event organization
- Ability to multi-task
- Strong oral and written communication skills, including use of basic computer programs
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills
- A valid driver's licence and occasional access to use of an automobile

**How to Apply:**

Please send your resume and cover letter to [pat@farmsatwork.ca](mailto:pat@farmsatwork.ca) before 5PM Friday May 8, 2015 and include "Local Food Program Assistant" in the subject line.

In your cover letter, please help us understand why you're the ideal candidate by addressing the following questions:

1. Do you meet the Canada Summer Jobs requirements outlined above?
2. What interests you most about this position?
3. Based on the qualifications, why are you a strong candidate?

***Farms at Work is a project of Tides Canada and the selected candidate will be an employee of Tides Canada.***

For more information, visit <http://www.farmsatwork.ca/> and <http://tidescanada.org/impact/initiatives>

*We appreciate the interest of all those who apply for this position. We will contact those invited for an interview by email by Friday, May 13 .*