

# MEAL EXCHANGE

**JOB TITLE:** Students Feeding Change Coordinator, Lakehead

**ANTICIPATED START DATE:** January 21, 2018

**LOCATION:** Lakehead University, Thunder Bay

**LENGTH:** 12 month contract position, part-time (January 2019 - December 2019, with possibility of full-time work from July - August 2019)

## Position Overview

Meal Exchange is looking for a passionate, motivated, and organized student to join us as a **Students Feeding Change Coordinator at Lakehead University**. This exciting position will help with Meal Exchange's newest program, Students Feeding Change.

## Background

Meal Exchange's 2016 [Hungry for Knowledge survey](#) found that a shocking 39% of post-secondary students across five Canadian campuses experience food insecurity, including 8.3% who experience severe food insecurity. In response to student and campus stakeholder momentum on this issue, Meal Exchange launched the Students Feeding Change project in September 2017. With support from the Maple Leaf Centre for Action on Food Security, Meal Exchange has been working to facilitate conversations needed to address student food insecurity on two unique campuses, Ryerson University in Toronto and Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. The project brings together stakeholders representing multiple levels of the university and community system, including students, student unions and services, campus administrators, food services, faculty, and local organizations, to identify barriers and key points of leverage. Meal Exchange hopes to extend this work to campuses across the country with the goal of supporting food security, access to education, and well-being among all students.

With the support of the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) and the Lakehead Food Security Committee, Meal Exchange hosted a two-stage 'Student Food Security Innovation Lab' in Thunder Bay in the spring and summer of 2018. This lab process encouraged collaboration between stakeholders and highlighted innovative ideas to address student food insecurity at Lakehead.

## Major Responsibilities

The **Students Feeding Change Coordinator at Lakehead** will work closely with Meal Exchange's National Program Coordinator and with the Lakehead Food Security Committee to support strategies to address student food insecurity at Lakehead, including project and program ideas developed by Student Food Security Innovation Lab participants. The coordinator will engage with campus and community stakeholders and student groups to contribute to meaningful change in student food insecurity rates at Lakehead University.

## Key Roles:

- Work with the Campus Innovation Lead to plan and facilitate Student Food Security Innovation Lab workshops in Thunder Bay, including workshop logistics (i.e. location, catering, guestlist)
- Coordinate pilot projects that emerge from the Lab workshops, including the Grocery Bus Service and food skills workshops
- Foster relationships between student groups (LUSU executive members, LUSU student services, student clubs), the Lakehead Food Security Committee, and Meal Exchange national staff.
- Support the work of the Lakehead Indigenous Food Sovereignty Committee.
- Attend Lakehead Food Security Committee meetings and related campus events.
- Assist the Campus Innovation Lead with research activities, including evaluation surveys and interviews.

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## **Desired Experience/Skills:**

- Preference given to students who have been involved with Meal Exchange in the 2018/2019 year
- Knowledge of food systems and food security
- Highly organized, motivated, and detail-oriented
- Experience coordinating events and leading campus activities
- Able to manage various project activities and deadlines
- Work experience in a campus setting
- Able to work both independently and collaborate with others
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and comfort with remote communication (phone and video)
- Ability to take initiative and engage in active learning
- Openness to new perspectives and desire to do solutions-focused work with a diverse group of stakeholders
- Previous experience with educational or advocacy campaigns an asset

## **About Meal Exchange**

Meal Exchange is a national registered charity that empowers post-secondary students to take an active role in improving their local food system. Through research, educational activities and connecting with campus and community stakeholders, our programs support post-secondary students to build more just and sustainable food systems on campuses and with local communities.

Our vision is a country where everyone has access to affordable, healthy, sustainable and socially just food. Our national office, based in Toronto, provides support, resources and mentorship to students on 40 campuses across Canada.

## **Hours:**

- 15 hours/week from January 2019 - June 2019, and from September 2019 - December 2019

## **Wage:**

- \$15/hour

Please send a combined document of your Cover Letter and resume to [merryn@mealexchange.com](mailto:merryn@mealexchange.com) with the subject "**SFC Student Coordinator, Lakehead, [First and Last Name]**" by **5pm on January 4th 2019**.

Meal Exchange is committed to having a team that reflects the diversity of the issues and communities we work with. We welcome the wide range of experiences and viewpoints that researchers may bring, including those based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, age and religion. We welcome both lived and academic experience, and encourage applicants to note this in their application. In our inclusive workplace, we work to assure everyone the right of equitable, fair, and respectful treatment.