



Job Description: Garden & Landscaping Assistant

The Abbey Gardens project is centered on education and the exploration of sustainability. Our garden offers tremendous opportunity for learning and experimentation. The Garden Assistant position will provide an opportunity for learning as well as make a significant contribution to the larger vision at Abbey Gardens. As a member of the AG team, the Garden Assistant will be responsible for assisting the Garden and Property Manager with preparation and maintenance of the garden and the overall property. There will also be opportunities to take on individual projects, work with volunteers, and learn and share knowledge. Some of these projects could include: designing and developing new garden spaces, assisting with education programs, working with animals, trail development, etc. Special projects will be negotiated based on skills and learning goals of the intern.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Prepare garden beds
- Plant, harvest, and process a variety of crops
- Weed, water and prune vegetable crops and flower beds
- Lawn maintenance
- Other tasks as requested by the Garden and Property Manager
- Special projects:
 - Work with the Operations Director and Garden and Property Manager to identify projects of interest
 - Create goals associated with the project and monitor progress throughout the season

Critical Skills:

- Experience working outdoors in physically demanding conditions (heat, precipitation)
- Ability to work independently and within a team structure
- Experience using garden tools and operating trimmers
- Ability to perform physical labour
- Willingness to learn
- Interest in gardening and education

*This position is funded through Canada Summer Jobs. Applicants must be current and returning students. \$12/hour. Deadline for applications is May 31

Position runs from July 17 - Sept.1.

Applications can be submitted to Heather Reid heather@abbeygardens.ca.