



**Job Description RPIRG Green Patch Orchard Assistant
10 week full-time contract**

****This position is ONLY being offered to current University of Regina students, including those registered through Campion College, Luther College, and the First Nations University of Canada****

The RPIRG Green Patch is a 5400 sq ft vegetable garden behind the Dr. John Archer Library at the University of Regina. It's a demonstration space that grows locally grown organic food which aims to also foster community engagement about food security, sustainable practices, research, and more. The Green Patch also manages an adjacent perennial orchard that was planted in spring 2019.

The Green Patch is run by the Regina Public Interest Research Group (RPIRG), a student-run, student-funded non-profit organization dedicated to community-based research, education, and action. RPIRG exists to provide its members with the resources to be active and engaged campus and community members and has been in operation since 2007.

We are seeking to hire a student to oversee summer maintenance of our campus perennial orchard space. For more Green Patch information, please visit our website www.rpirg.org/greenpatch or follow on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RPIRGGreenPatch>

PLEASE NOTE: THIS POSITION IS FUNDED THROUGH CANADA SUMMER JOBS WHICH DOES NOT ALLOW THE HIRING OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. The program requires applicants to meet the following conditions:

- **be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment**
- **be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment; and,**
- **have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations**

For more information about eligibility, please visit the [Canada Summer Jobs eligibility page](#) Although we cannot hire international students funded through this specific program, please note that all other positions we hire are open to international students.

Responsibilities

- With support of Executive Director, update orchard maintenance plan for the season
- Implement orchard maintenance plan including weeding, watering, general clean up, and attention to specific plant care
- Document any updates to orchard maintenance and guidebook
- work along RPIRG Green Patch Coordinator to collaborate on tasks in orchard or garden if needed
- assist with programming and promotion of Green Patch and orchard activities (ex. logistical support for produce pickup days, sharing calls for volunteers, sharing event information, etc.)
- Management, supervision, and training of any Green Patch volunteers who will be helping in the orchard

Knowledge/awareness (ideal but not required)

- Garden maintenance and knowledge of local weeds an asset
- Knowledge of prairie growing conditions an asset
- Interest in social justice issues and community engagement an asset

Skills/Abilities

- researching plant care, and reporting processes
- Microsoft office and google applications - word, docs, excel, sheets, etc.
- Self-motivated, ability to work with minimal supervision while taking direction from staff
- Strong communication skills and asset
- Able to do light to medium physical labour - this includes some light lifting, using garden tools both standing or kneeling/sitting, and pulling or cutting weeds

Other

- For orchard work, successful applicant must be able to travel to campus
- For research/reporting work, successful applicant would ideally work from home to save travel and amount of time spent on campus. RPIRG can provide a wifi-capable laptop for research/writing purposes if needed. If the successful applicant does not have internet at home RPIRG can help with an alternate arrangement
- Ability to follow current COVID-19 workplace safety requirements, as per training provided

Contract Period: 10 weeks starting approximately June 7, 2021 (some flexibility on start time possible)

Hours of Work: 30 hours per week. Hours are flexible, and space for doing administrative work can be arranged or can be done from home with monthly reimbursement for work from home expenses.

Location of work: University of Regina main campus – Regina, Saskatchewan

Remuneration: \$20/hour plus vacation pay and paid sick days. Opportunities for professional development are also available.

Application Deadline: 12pm on Tuesday, May 18, 2021

****RPIRG actively encourages and prioritizes applications from people who self-identify as being part of groups, communities, or having identities that experience barriers to equity.****

To apply, please prepare the following:

- Resume and very brief Cover Letter, all in one document - please include your name in the title of the document. Your cover letter should explain how your skills and experience will benefit you specifically in this role

And send it to:

Krystal Lewis, Executive Director (pronouns: she/her)
Regina Public Interest Research Group (RPIRG)
info@rpirg.org

If you would prefer to apply in a different way or have questions about this position, please contact Krystal to discuss.

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