



First Nations Food, Nutrition and Environment Study (FNFNES)

Regional Coordinator for Ontario: Job Posting

Canada has been conducting health and total diet studies of the general Canadian population to understand more about food safety and how changes in diet relates to chronic conditions like heart disease and diabetes, but First Nations people living on-reserve have not been included in these studies. FNFNES is a 10-year joint research study on the benefits and risks of food and water consumed by 100 randomly selected First Nations communities across Canada.

THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR works closely with members of the FNFNES team to ensure successful data collection with the selected communities. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Participate in the administration of the project:
 - i) Report to and work closely with the National Coordinator
 - ii) Participate in steering committee meetings.
 - iii) Assist in the development of the community engagement strategies.
- B. Contact and liaise project activities with the First Nations communities such as the methodology workshop, team presentations to Chief, Council and community, logistical assessments, community research assistant training and midpoint reviews by:
 - i) Maintain communication log of interaction and activities in the communities.
 - ii) Travel to communities as necessary as part of the FNFNES team.
 - iii) Coordinate and track the signing of the Community Research Agreements and the Funding Transfer Agreements;
 - iv) Be a point of contact for community to answer or direct their questions as appropriate.
 - v) Maintaining consistent communications with the communities regarding next steps such as assisting the communities to:
 - a. Advertise and increase community awareness of the project;
 - b. Recruit Community Research Assistants (CRA)
 - c. Arrange for secure storage in the community for research supplies, completed surveys, hair and other data;
 - d. Coordinate/ track the transportation of all research supplies and collected data both to and from the communities as well as to and from the appropriate destinations outside the communities;
- C. Support field work:
 - i) Arrange for Nutrition Research Coordinator (NRC) training as well as participate in training;
 - ii) Support NRC's and CRA's during data collection such as arranging additional research supplies, options for working in community, safety, and general troubleshooting;
 - iii) Maintain regular communication with NRC's to ensure that the study follows agreed upon timelines and compile regular updates of data collection for Steering Committee review
 - iv) Maintain communication and where necessary assist in coordinating Surface Water sampling by the Environmental Health Officers (EHO).

Start: February 13, 2012

End: March 31, 2013

Part-time position up to 35 hour/week at \$25/hour plus travel expenses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT A CV, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Deadline for applications: January 31th, 2012