

Summer Research Project

Job Information

Title of Research Project: **Assessing the impact of food rescue / food surplus recovery operations in Guelph-Wellington**

Proposed Start Date: **May 1, 2023**

Name and Title of Supervisor: **Dr. Kate Parizeau**

Department: **Department of Geography, Environment & Geomatics**

Type of position: **URA** **ISURA** **USRA** **USRA (non-quota)**

Brief Outline of Research Project:

The researcher hired for this project will collaborate with a local community organization that focuses on reducing food insecurity in order to assess the impacts of their food rescue / food surplus recovery activities in the Guelph-Wellington area.

Job description (task/responsibilities, relevant scheduling details, and required and/or preferred qualifications):

This position will involve participant observation of the programs under study, and will involve collecting data to assess the multiple impacts of these programs. The position will also involve an analysis of academic literature on food rescue / recovery, and the analysis of secondary data on food waste and food insecurity, as needed. The supervisor will provide guidance and training on data collection methods and research design.

Work hours will generally take place during traditional business hours (9-5 Monday-Friday), although flexible scheduling may be possible for some tasks.

Experience using social science research methods is required. Experience studying food and waste systems is preferred. Ability to visit local community sites for data collection is required (costs for transportation will be covered).

This position will pay \$20/hour for 35 hours per week.

What are 2-5 specific things you feel a student will learn during this position?

-how to design a social science research project

-how local community food organizations function

-topical knowledge on local food and waste systems