



Work in Food Systems Interviewers

Waterloo Region School Food Gardens is looking for interviewers and writers for an audio and/or video and blog series we're starting up in May. We want to help youth learn more about opportunities for working in food systems by talking with people who work in a wide variety of food industry careers. Interviewers will be paired with a staff mentor from WRSFG to chat with people working in the food and agricultural sectors; restaurant staff, farmers, machine operators, food scientists, urban agriculture coordinators are all potential interviewees, among many, many others. We will help connect interviewers to potential interviewees, but we're open to suggestions for other people you would like to interview! There are thousands of job titles in food systems work, and part of the goal of this series is to highlight the diversity of career options and why they're worth considering.

This volunteer position is entirely remote, and we welcome volunteers from any location! Interviews will take place over Zoom. We will give you a set of questions to help guide you, but we're also open to working with you to develop interview questions about topics that are interesting to you.

We have a long list of potential interviewees and all we need now are our interviewers to get started!

Some examples of people you could interview

- A Food Bank Coordinator
- A Food Security Researcher
- A Community Garden Coordinator
- A Food Scientist
- An Agricultural Researcher
- A Farm Owner
- A Chef
- An Urban Farmer

Some questions you could ask them

- What does a day in your work life look like?
- What got you interested in this line of work?
- What do you wish you had known when you first started in this career?
- What do you wish people knew about your job?
- What education did you have to get to do this?
- What do you like most about it?
- Why should young people consider a career like yours?
- What kind of change do you want to see in the food system?