



Job Ad – Niitsitapi Project Coordinator – Rural Routes

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Rural Routes to Climate Solutions (RR2CS) is an Alberta-based project providing learning opportunities for farmers, ranchers and rural communities to gain the knowledge and develop the skills necessary to implement climate solutions. RR2CS is seeking a project coordinator to work with members of Siksika, Kainai and Piikani First Nations and be part of Rural Routes' team of rural-based community organizers, facilitators and communications specialists.

The project coordinator will be **responsible** for the following activities:

- Organizing and running events like workshops and land-based field days;
- Organizing and hosting webinars;
- Facilitation/consulting with community members;
- Partnering and working with other organizations where possible;
- Trying to ensure the above activities are designed and undertaken with the appropriate Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) cultural lens.

NOTE: organizing and running in-person activities will depend on public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

Although, the ideal candidate **must be able to work remotely and independently**, the project coordinator will be supported by and work with the RR2CS team, specifically the project lead (Director) and the communications coordinator.

The project coordinator will **contribute** to the following activities with the RR2CS team:

- Podcast production;
- Blog posts creation;
- Converting webinar recordings into videos;
- Social media content.

With the assistance of the project coordinator and by working with members of Kainai, Piikani and Siksika First Nations, Rural Routes hopes to highlight the farming practices and farm technology that fit into the Niitsitapi worldview and that are good for the land and agricultural operations as well. Communicating Niitsitapi success stories—past and present—in land stewardship and food production and harvesting will likely be important to the success of the project.

Wages: \$25/hour. You will be working as a contractor.

Hours: 20 hours/week.



Duration: from now until January 31st, 2022. If additional funding is secured, there is a possibility of a contract extension.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) culture;
- Good event management and hosting skills;
- Good facilitation skills, particularly in community engagement;
- Strong communications skills for working with the rest of RR2CS team and for conducting community outreach;
- Knowledge of agriculture and/or traditional harvesting on the Prairies – experience in either will be an asset;

Requirements:

- Report to the Director;
- Participate in weekly team meetings;
- Depending on the COVID-19 public health restrictions, there may be some travel required for events. The majority of that travel will be to and on the Kainai, Siksika and Piikani reserves. Your mileage will be covered by the project;
- Ability to learn how to use online tools like Google Drive, Zoom and Trello;
- Ability to keep track of your own hours.

Assets:

- Membership with either Kainai, Piikani or Siksika First Nations;
- Knowledge of issues and challenges on reserves;
- Have access to reliable phone and internet connections;
- A basic understanding of climate change mitigation and adaptation – a good knowledge of climate solutions that are applicable to agriculture will be an asset;
- A willingness to problem solve in order to overcome the challenges the project activities may face;
- Related to the above, an ability to ask for help from the Director or the RR2CS team when the solution just isn't clear;
- A sense of humor. Listen to our podcast episode [The Coordinators](#) to understand our sense of humor a bit better.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume **as a PDF** and email it to dleahy@stettlerlearning.com by **11:59pm on Friday April 16th, 2021**. Please include "Project Coordinator Application" in the subject line of your email. Only successful candidates will be contacted for interviews.

In the event a successful candidate is not found, the application process will be re-opened