

No.9 Gardens 2024 Summer Job Application

About No.9 Gardens

No.9 is an arts organization that uses art and design to bring awareness to environmental concerns. We deliver programs in schools, online and in the public domain designed to encourage the use of creative thinking to resolve environmental issues and to promote a sustainable lifestyle.

Launched in 2018, in partnership with Dunin-Deshpande Queen's Innovation Centre and St. Lawrence College Department of Skilled Trades and Tourism, No.9 Gardens is a hands-on facility created to empower youth to lead a revolution in building resilient communities, utilizing the Nine Pillars of Sustainable Design developed by No.9:

Civic Engagement & Leadership, Food Security, Open Green Space, Waste Management, Water Management, Green Building Design, Transportation, Alternative Energy, Public Art & Design.

We believe that building sustainable communities is only achievable with reconciliation and rejuvenation. Since our launch of No.9 Gardens, we have been actively developing partnerships with the Indigenous communities in the region. It is our intention to be able to provide a safe space for dialogue and learning opportunities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, so that we may learn from each other and work towards common goals and aspirations. To date, No.9 has hosted a traditional canoe making workshop, showcased an Indigenous artist installation, partnered with the Downie/Wenjack Fund to provide a Legacy Space on-site and established a Memorium of Understanding with the Queen's University Office of Indigenous Initiatives around providing land-based curriculum to students.

No.9 Gardens is committed to providing education around sustainable local food systems and how we can feed our cities. Training young people how to grow local organic produce is a great way to offset carbon caused by food waste and food transportation.

No.9 Gardens is now open to the public in order to provide a unique facility for providing such activities, including the display of eco-art, the delivery of workshops related to sustainability and Indigenous dialogue, and a magnificent environment where visitors can immerse themselves in nature and learn simply by being here how to live more sustainably.

This land is situated on the traditional territories of Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga, Algonquin, and Wendake-Nionwentsio. We are grateful to be able to offer these lands for public awareness and education.

More information can be found at <https://www.no9.ca/no9-gardens>

To Apply

Please review the positions below and email adavies@no9.ca with your resume, cover letter and which position(s) you are applying for by March 31st, 2024. Please note if you will have access to a vehicle over the duration of the position. Applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview. Any questions regarding the positions or application can be directed to Andrew at adavies@no9.ca

Please note that we are still in the grant application process. We aren't guaranteed to hear back about funding until April, but No.9 gardens was accepted last year in this program and we are very confident our positions are aligned with the CSJ guidelines. To be eligible for these positions, you must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of employment period; 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.

Sustainable Gardening and Education Intern (2 positions available)

Dates: May 13 2024 - September 20 2024

Hours: Full-time, 35 hours / week (19 weeks total)

Wage: \$18 / hr

Details:

- Supervision and mentorship will be provided by Elizabeth Davies
- As there will be 2-3 sustainable gardening and education interns, the work will be tailored to each intern's knowledge, skills and goals. Each position will end up being different
- Our garden is new and experimental, so we will be learning alongside you. No previous gardening experience is required, only enthusiasm to learn
- We are open on the weekends for people to visit, hike, pick their own produce, etc
- As No.9 Gardens is a remote location (1516 Summers Rd, Lyndhurst, ON), communal transportation is encouraged. We encourage arranging a carpool with any other interns that live nearby
- Staff will be able to use fresh produce from the garden as well as have their own garden bed to care for

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Greenhouse work
- Preparing garden beds
- Transplanting
- Weeding
- Orchard care
- Harvesting
- Donation delivery
- Seed saving
- Food process/cooking
- Selling at farmer's market
- Workshop planning and coordinating
- Social media
- Working with community partners
- Beekeeping
- Assist agritourism interns when needed

Community partners and projects:

- Planting of a Three Sisters garden and organizing a harvest social with Queen's Office of Indigenous Initiatives

- Seed saving with Kingston Area Seed Saving Initiative

Requirements:

- Strong teamwork skills. You will be working very closely with other interns and the garden manager throughout the summer
- Ability to work in all weather and conditions. Gardening can be time sensitive, so flexibility is required as some days may be longer than other depending on the work that needs to get done
- Leadership skills. Each intern will have the opportunity to lead projects or partnerships that align with their skills and interests
- Excellent communication skills. Interns will be actively engaging with overnight guests, visitors, workshop attendees and farmers market goers. We expect interns to be able to share our work and goals as an organization enthusiastically
- Organizational skills. The team will meet most mornings and come up with a daily plan to complete various tasks as necessary. Everyday will be different.
- Driver's license
- Sales/customer service experience
- We are looking for at least 1 intern with culinary experience
- Previous experience and/or related education is beneficial, but not required

Agri-Tourism and Event Coordinator (1 position available)

Dates: May 13 2024 - September 20 2024

Hours: Full-time, 35 hours / week (19 weeks total)

Wage: \$18 / hr

Details:

- We are open to overnight guests from June to September. We have 2 yurts and will have 2 glamping tents during the summer of 2024. We offer basic garden-to-table breakfast for overnight guests
- We are open on the weekend for people to visit, hike, pick their own produce, etc
- As No.9 Gardens is a remote location (1516 Summers Rd, Lyndhurst, ON), communal transportation is encouraged. We encourage arranging a carpool with any other interns that live nearby
- Staff will be able to use fresh produce from the garden as well as have their own garden bed to care for

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Manage Airbnb profile and communicate with upcoming guests
- Cleaning yurts and glamping tents, laundry between guests
- Coordinate kayak rentals on site
- Workshop planning and coordinating
- Interact with weekend visitors and give property/garden tours
- Event planning/coordinating
- Social media
- Working with community partners
- Breakfast preparation
- Assisting garden interns when necessary, especially on harvest days

Community partners and projects:

- Planting of a Three Sisters garden and organizing a harvest social with Queen's Office of Indigenous Initiatives
- Seed saving with Kingston Area Seed Saving Initiative

Requirements:

- Strong teamwork skills. You will be working very closely with other interns and the garden manager throughout the summer
- Ability to work in all weather and conditions.

- Leadership skills. Each intern will have the opportunity to lead projects or partnerships that align with their skills and interests
- Excellent communication skills. Interns will be actively engaging with overnight guests, visitors, workshop attendees and farmers market goers. We expect interns to be able to share our work and goals as an organization enthusiastically
- Organizational skills. The team will meet most mornings and come up with a daily plan to complete various tasks as necessary. Everyday will be different.
- Driver's license
- Sales/customer service experience/ social media and marketing skills
- We are looking for at least 1 intern with culinary experience
- Previous experience and/or related education is beneficial, but not required

- Seed saving with Kingston Area Seed Saving Initiative

Requirements:

- 2 + years of garden experience + team management
- Strong teamwork skills. You will be overseeing the work of interns throughout the summer and facilitating teamwork amongst them
- Ability to work in all weather and conditions.
- Leadership skills. You will have the opportunity to lead projects or partnerships that align with your skills and interests. You will also be required to lead the day-to-day activities, including team meetings and staff dinners
- Excellent communication skills. The garden manager will be actively engaging with overnight guests, visitors, workshop attendees and farmers market goers. We expect the garden manager to be able to share our work and goals as an organization enthusiastically
- Organizational skills. The team will meet most mornings and come up with a daily plan to complete various tasks as necessary. In collaboration with Elizabeth Davies, the garden manager will be organizing the daily and weekly plans
- Driver's license
- Sales/customer service experience
- Must be able to cook meals for others
- Related education is beneficial, but not required