



REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE
ON EDUCATION FOR
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**Regional Centre of Expertise on
Education for Sustainable Development Saskatchewan
(RCE Saskatchewan)
Invitation to Apply for Student Employment Positions
in Sustainable Development**

Position Title: **STUDENT RESEARCHER Supporting
Regional Centre of Expertise on Education
for Sustainable Development Working
Groups**

Number of Positions: Seven

Posting Date: November 3, 2007

Closing Date: November 14, 2007

Organization: RCE Saskatchewan

Position Description:

The Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan (RCE Saskatchewan) is a newly recognized centre that is part of a United Nations University initiative to support the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014). Further information regarding RCE Saskatchewan can be found at www.saskrce.ca. RCE Saskatchewan seeks to transform education for sustainability in our region. The RCE focuses on research into formal, non-formal and informal learning methods to build capacity of Saskatchewan communities towards the goal of a sustainable future.

RCE Saskatchewan is looking for highly motivated and creative students with strong interpersonal skills to help work towards its established goals and realize new goals. The RCE has six thematic issues in sustainable development that have been identified as priorities for its bioregion:

- Climate Change
- Health and Healthy Lifestyles

- Farming and Local Food Production, Consumption, and Waste Minimization
- Reconnecting to Natural Prairie Ecosystems
- Supporting and Bridging Cultures for Sustainable Living and Community
- Sustainable Infrastructure including Water and Energy

It also has two cross-cutting themes:

- Sustaining rural communities
- Educational Approaches for Regional ESD

A total of **7 student positions are available**, one for each of the 6 theme areas and one to focus on the two cross-cutting themes.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Students will be under the supervision of the coordinator(s) for the particular theme area working group or an individual designated by the working group. Direction for the student will also come from consultation with members of the respective working group. Students for each of the thematic areas will be expected to create:

- an initial inventory of sustainable development education activities within the thematic area occurring in the region included within RCE Saskatchewan;
- other activities as directed by the working group (where funding permits) potentially including:
 - an identification of complimentary sustainable development education activities occurring in other RCEs globally; and
 - a review of existing ESD research of regional relevance.

Students will be expected to prepare a final report that may also contribute to their scholarly work (such as a work term report or thesis).

Qualifications:

Applicants should be registered in a recognized post-secondary education institution in the province of Saskatchewan (e.g. SIAST, the University of Regina or University of Saskatchewan or their federated colleges). Students should in their application be able to demonstrate their skills as a researcher in meeting the duties and responsibilities above as well as their interest in the respective theme area.

Application Process:

Applicants interested in applying for these positions must submit a current curriculum vitae, details regarding relevant experiences related to this position, and the names and contact information for at least two references by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**. Applications should be submitted by the application deadline to the coordinator for the respective Working Group to which the student would like to apply as follows:

Theme Area Working Groups:

Climate Change: Kim Sare, KSARE@regina.ca

Health and Healthy Lifestyles: Tanya Dahms, Tanya.Dahms@uregina.ca

Farming and Local Food Production: Daryl Hepting, hepting@cs.uregina.ca

Reconnecting to Natural Prairie Ecosystems: Malin Hansen, hansen2m@uregina.ca
Supporting and Bridging Cultures: Wendy Winter, Wendy.Winter@uregina.ca
Sustainable Infrastructure: Jon Gillies, JAGillies@Sasktel.net

Cross Cutting Themes:

Sustaining Rural Communities/Regional ESD: Roger Petry, roger.petry@uregina.ca

Length of Term:

\$2200 is available for each position. The total hours of employment will vary based on the student's current degree level (e.g., undergraduate, Master's student, Ph.D. Student) that determines the student's wage rate (see below):

Undergraduate (non-4 th year):	188 hours
4 th year undergraduate:	154 hours
Master's:	133 hours
Ph.D.:	127 hours

The term will begin preferably on November 21, 2007. The hours of work will be negotiated between the student and the respective RCE working group coordinator or designate. The potential exists for an additional \$2200 being made available for each student research position in May, 2008, contingent on budgetary decisions of the Province of Saskatchewan.

Salary:

The hourly wage is determined by the current level of the student as follows:

Undergraduate 1 st to 3 rd year:	\$11.66/hr
Undergraduate 4 th year:	\$14.24/hr
Master's:	\$16.49/hr
Ph.D.:	\$17.30/hr

These rates include vacation pay.

Further Information:

For further information on each position and the application process, please contact the respective theme area working group contact person for which the student is interested in applying outlined above under *Application Process*.