

# **Project Manager, Food Security & Sovereignty**

#### **About NNTC:**

The Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council is a governing body of the Nlaka'pamux Nation. Carrying out its mandate for over 40 years, NNTC exists to protect and advance Nlaka'pamux title and rights and is involved with the exercise of jurisdiction, cultural and natural resources, environmental sustainability, emergency management, food sovereignty, economic independence, health, and well-being. NNTC is an Nlaka'pamux entity, not a provincially or federally incorporated or regulated body however, NNTC utilizes a number of associated entities doing work in relation to archaeology, environment, wildlife, construction, and solar power to support its mandate. NNTC is dedicated to acting in the best interests of the Nlaka'pamux

### This Opportunity:

The Project Manager for Food Security & Sovereignty will work with NNTC and communities to strengthen sustainable food production for the Nlaka' pamux and broader food systems provincially and nationally, with a focus on agriculture and food systems rooted in Nlaka' pamux values and deep connection to the land and water.

## About the job:

This role could be based in NNTC's Vancouver office, Kamloops office, or Lytton office. This is a full-time role and includes paid vacation, an extended benefit plan, and a defined contribution pension plan. Key responsibilities of the role include:

- Gathers direction from NNTC and communities on food security and sovereignty goals, opportunities within broader food system frameworks, and barriers faced by the Nlaka'pamux and food system production more broadly.
- Enhances participation in the agriculture economy and food sectors by identifying opportunities for production capacity, boosting local food processing and distribution.
- Identifies and engages with expertise from agronomy, ecology, economics, supply chains, and policy to coordinate advance goals and opportunities.
- Identifies environmental, social, financial and regulatory risks and builds resilience into project plans.
- Leads project planning and design including financial analysis, business case and proposal development, securing and allocating funding, and developing indicators for monitoring and evaluation.
- Undertakes options and trade-off analysis to support decision-making and risk mitigation strategies to guide effective implementation.
- Develops project operational plans and budgets.
- Applies a Project Management approach to food system initiatives including food production and distribution, procurement, and infrastructure development.
- Oversees and strengthens coordination of emergency food delivery programs with suppliers, partners and transport services.
- Performs other related duties as required.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- 3-5 years of experience in sustainable agriculture, or environmental stewardship roles, preferably in Indigenous communities.
- Bachelor's Degree in a related field, such as Food Security, Environmental Studies, Public Health,
  Agriculture, Indigenous Studies, or a similar discipline. A combination of relevant education and
  experience may be considered.

- Project Management Professional certification, or related experience.
- Proven experience developing and managing projects, including budgets.
- Valid Class 5 BC driver's license and reasonable driver's abstract.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Experience in food security development or research or thesis work in agricultural sustainability topics.
- Participation in food system projects.
- Experience working with and for community-driven initiatives, supporting the development of community driven initiatives.
- Experience in facilitating workshops and working with Elders and community members.
- Additional training or certifications in areas like Community Food Systems, Agroecology, Sustainable Agriculture, Indigenous Food Sovereignty, or Land-Based Education are considered assets.
- Bachelor's Degree in a related field, such as Food Security, Environmental Studies, Public Health,
  Agriculture, Indigenous Studies, or a similar discipline. A combination of relevant education and
  experience may be considered.
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## Compensation

• \$80,000 - \$100,000 per year

NNTC welcomes you to submit a resume and cover letter, highlighting how your experience and qualifications are a fit for this exciting opportunity to <a href="mailto:garchie@nntc.ca">garchie@nntc.ca</a>. The position will remain open until filled.

Please visit NNTC's website, <a href="https://nntc.ca">https://nntc.ca</a>, for the full job description.

NNTC thanks all applicants in advance; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. NNTC welcomes applications from all interested applicants; however, preference will be given to Nlaka'pamux and other Indigenous applicants.