A Rocha Programs Assistant

WildRoots Summer Work Program

Location: Winnipeg Office (500 Shaftesbury Blvd.) and the Boreal Ecology Centre, East Braintree, MB
Workweek: Monday-Friday (with the occasional evening or Saturday and overnights at the BEC)
Workterm: May-August 2026
Wage: $17.40/hr
Closing Date: open until the position is filled

Job Description

About the WildRoots Program

WildRoots is A Rocha Manitoba's 16-week paid summer work program designed for young adults who care about climate change and nature conservation. Through hands-on work, learning, mentorship, and community rhythms, participants are invited into a way of life in which creation care is woven into daily practice. Participants explore vocational pathways while contributing to A Rocha's conservation and education programs.

Throughout the program, participants engage in learning sessions, daily shared practices, mentorship, and two retreats at A Rocha's Boreal Ecology Centre. Leadership development, ecological knowledge, and spiritual formation are integrated into the experience.

Position Summary

Working as part of a cohort, the **A Rocha Programs Assistant** supports the delivery of A Rocha Manitoba's conservation science, environmental education, and urban agriculture programs. Assistants gain hands-on experience by supporting forest and bird monitoring at the Boreal Ecology Centre, facilitating environmental education activities for children, and participating in food-growing initiatives at A Rocha's community garden. Assistants will also have the opportunity to work on an individual project of their choice based on personal interests.

Through this role, assistants develop practical skills in conservation fieldwork, sustainable agriculture, and environmental education, as well as transferable skills in leadership, communication, teamwork, organization, and independent work.

What you'll Gain

- Field experience in conservation research and monitoring
- Practical skills in sustainable agriculture and gardening
- Experience designing and leading environmental education activities
- Mentorship, vocational coaching, and leadership development
- A supportive community committed to faith, ecology, and hopeful action
- Meaningful work that contributes directly to local environmental stewardship

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Specific duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with forest and bird monitoring at the Boreal Ecology Centre and Winnipeg
- Support data collection and data analysis
- Lead or support nature-based education programs for children and youth
- Assist with planting, harvesting, maintenance, and food distribution at A Rocha's community garden
- Plan and lead a public workshop or community event on a topic of your choice
- Participate in daily prayer, reflection, and group discussion
- Join learning sessions on ecology, agriculture, leadership, contemplative practices, and more
- Attend two retreats at the Boreal Ecology Centre (May & August)

Qualifications

- Embodies A Rocha Canada's Vision, Commitments and Core Values
- Willingness to work outdoors in varied conditions
- Comfortable working with children and in team settings
- Organized note keeper and experience with digital filing
- Willingness to travel to and from the Boreal Ecology Centre in East Braintree, MB and stay there for short periods of time (max. 2 days/1 night).
- Personal initiative, attention to detail, and willingness to learn

Requirements

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person with official refugee status (program funding requirement)
- Criminal record check and Vulnerable Sector check required
- Must be a youth between 16-30 years of age (program funding requirement)

Assets

- Experience with citizen science (participating in or leading of)
- Able to identify Manitoba plant and bird species
- Ability to work independently or as part of a small team of volunteers
- First Aid and CPR
- Access to transportation

A Rocha Canada Mission, Vision, Commitments

A Rocha is an international network of Christian nature conservation organizations. Our mission is to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. We envision a hope filled world where communities flourish as people and nature thrive together.

A ROCHA CANADA

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A Rocha International 5 Commitments:

- **Christian** – We follow Jesus Christ, who created the world and calls us to care for it.
- **Conservation** – We protect and restore nature and are committed to local places and people over the long term.
- **Community** – We invest in good relationships through our commitment to God, one another and the wider creation.
- **Cultural Diversity** – We celebrate the insights, perspectives and solutions offered by our diverse cultures.
- **Collaboration** – We seek to work with anyone who shares our vision.

To Apply

- **Email a cover letter and resume** clearly detailing your experience and qualifications for this position to Zoe Matties (manitoba@arocha.ca)
- Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.