

Santropol Roulant is hiring!

# **Urban Agriculture Summer Interns**

(three positions available)

## **About Santropol Roulant**

Santropol Roulant uses food as a vehicle to break social and economic isolation between generations and cultures. Creatively and collaboratively, we strengthen and nourish our local community with our novel approaches to active youth engagement, urban food systems, food security and community care.

## **About the Urban Agriculture Program**

We aim to build food system that is healthy, just, and sustainable. As such, our urban agriculture projects are designed to support local and organic agriculture, while assuring that such foods remain accessible to all regardless of socio-economic status, level of mobility, or degree of autonomy.

Santropol Roulant has <u>two urban agriculture sites</u>: one located on McGill campus and the other on the rooftop of our building on Roy street.

## About the positions

Santropol Roulant is seeking **three** motivated and energetic **students** to join our team as Urban Agriculture Summer Interns. The selected candidates will experience a full summer cycle in the gardens, take part in urban food security initiatives and participate in a holistic meals-on-wheels service.

The Summer Interns will work alongside the urban agriculture team to contribute to activities in Santropol Roulant's urban gardens. These gardens provide fresh, local and organic vegetables for our meals-on-wheels service and our weekly Fresh Baskets. The Summer Interns also play an important role in ensuring that the gardens are well maintained and productive and will undertake some educational projects related to the garden, for which they will be asked to share the experience they acquired during their internship.

#### Primary responsibilities include:

- Contributing to garden upkeep and maintainance (caring for seedlings and transplantations and direct seeding, weeding, pest control, staking, pruning, thinning, etc.);
- Delivering produce to different urban locations (kitchen, markets);
- · Preparing clients' vegetable baskets;
- Occasionaly participating in activities and tours at the Farm;
- Contributing to the coordination of weekly volunteer shifts and activities in Santropol Roulant's urban gardens;
- Leading garden workshops and garden tours;
- Training volunteers and other interns;
- Being present in the day-to-day workings of Santropol Roulant working with the rest of the team to ensure that all our volunteers, clients and other community members are connected and happy with our work.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Experience in horticulture and gardening
- Experience working with volunteers
- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Able to communicate in French and English
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent attention to detail
- Comfort with physical labour
- Experience with leading activities with groups of younger people is an asset

#### Skill development Santropol Roulant is offering:

- Experience working in a not-for-profit organization
- Working in a bilingual environment
- Communication and leadership skills
- On the job training in urban gardening and volunteer coordination and events organization
- Experience working in an organization committed to sustainable development

\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* The positions are Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages (YCWBOL) contracts. To be eligible you must be a full time student this year and be going back to school in September 2014; and you must be between 15 and 30 years old.

There are **three** distinct eleven week contracts, for the following periods:

- First: from May 12th to August 1st
- Second: from June 9th to August 22nd
- Third: from July 7th to September 19th

Each internship is a full-time position (35hrs/week) a week with a schedule from Monday to Friday. The interns will also be asked to work a few Saturdays at the end of their internships and be able to take the time back afterwards. The wage for each internship is \$12.00/hr.

To apply, please submit your **CV and Cover Letter (specifying which period(S) you're applying for)** by email or in person to the Urban Agriculture Summer Intern Hiring Committee at 111 Roy East or rh(at)santropolroulant.org by **Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. Interviews will take place the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. Candidates will be contacted only if they are chosen for an interview. For more information, contact Pier at 514.284.9335, write to pier(at)santropolroulant.org, visit our <u>website</u> or come and meet us at the office.

Santropol Roulant is an inclusive environment. We welcome a diversity of applicants including those from traditionally under-represented groups. Please feel free to indicate so in your letter, if this is your case.