

AAFC: Youth Employment and Skills Program

Updated Information

Due to a high demand for funding under this program, the application intake has been closed as of July 6, 2020.

Sponsor

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Program

Youth Employment and Skills Program

For More Information

Please contact the [regional office](#) [1] nearest you or www.agr.gc.ca

Description

The Youth Employment and Skills Program provides a wage subsidy to employers who hire youth for agricultural jobs.

Examples of typical projects may include:

- farmers who wish to hire farm workers for planting and harvesting crops or managing livestock
- agricultural businesses, such as greenhouses, orchards, vineyards, vegetable producers who have labor needs
- small businesses who supply agricultural products or services
- food processors in need of labor

Eligibility

Eligible employers are agricultural related organizations such as farmers, food processors and agricultural related non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who can offer opportunities that will give youth:

- agriculture career-related work experiences and skills in Canada.

These organizations may be from:

- industry
- not-for-profit organizations
- provincial and municipal governments
- associations
- boards
- councils
- universities

Eligible employers are responsible for hiring and verifying the eligibility of participants for the Youth Employment and Skills activities.

To qualify, the employee must be:

- 30 years or younger when they started the internship
- unemployed or underemployed, a student, or a previous intern of any Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS) program
- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident

Youth facing barriers includes:

- living with a disability
- being Indigenous
- [living in a low income household](#) [2]
- being a single parent
- residing in a remote location
- living with family care responsibilities
- coming out of, or have involvement with the justice system
- other barriers approved on a case by case basis

Note: Eligible applicants must be legal entities capable of entering into legally binding agreements

Funding Availability

The program offers support for 50% of wages to a maximum of \$14,000. Additionally, the program offers 100% of costs for relocation to a maximum of \$5,000 if the employee must relocate for the position.

If approved, the following employers are eligible to receive 80% of total eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$14,000:

- Indigenous individuals or organizations
- Employers who hire a youth facing barrier(s) ([section 2.2](#) [3] of Applicant guide)

For youth facing barriers, an additional \$5,000 is available to cover the costs of addressing these employment barriers.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funds are available.

Maximum Project Value

The Youth employment and Skills Program will contribute \$9.2 million to projects that employ youth and youth facing barriers. Each project will be eligible to receive up to \$14,000 in matching funds to employ one (1) intern.

Indirect Costs

Indirect costs rate is 40%

Project Duration

Projects must offer the employee meaningful agricultural work that must be completed by March 31, 2021.

Special Notes

Please refer to the [Office of Research COVID 19 web-page](#) [4] for directives related to research activities at the University of Guelph.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Notes
Internal Deadline	Applications must be submitted to the Office of Research 7 days prior to submitting to AAFC. Please forward the application and signed OR-5 Form to resserv@uoguelph.ca [5].
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External Deadline

Notes

Employers can apply **on or after May 26, 2020** for their project to be considered.

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How to Apply

Before applying, please read the [Applicant guide](#) [6] for detailed information on eligibility criteria, support and funding available, and the application process.

Complete the application form and required documents

To apply, complete the following forms:

- [Project application form \(PDF\)](#) [7] (required)
- [Signature of Applicant Authorized Representative](#) [8] (required)
- A copy of the organization's Certificates or Articles of Incorporation (required)

Hard copy forms are available at the Youth Employment and Skills Program [regional office](#) [9] nearest you.

Submit your completed application form and documents

To apply online, download, complete and submit the [Project application form \(PDF\)](#) [7].

Apply by email to aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca [10]

Apply by mail or fax by submitting the completed Project Application Form and required attachments to the [regional office](#) [9] nearest you.

For Questions, please contact

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- [1] <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/youth-employment-and-skills-program/applicant-guide/?id=1558439096634#regoffice>
- [2] <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1110024101>
- [3] <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/youth-employment-and-skills-program/?id=1558438957602#toc2.2>
- [4] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/article/2019-novel-coronavirus-information>
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