



Research Assistant Edible Schoolyard NYC Spring 2018

About the Organization

Edible Schoolyard NYC (ESYNYC) partners with public schools to transform the hearts, minds, and eating habits of young New Yorkers through a seed-to-table education. Edible Schoolyard NYC's goal is to change attitudes, preferences, and behaviors around healthy eating, and to educate and empower children to make healthy food choices for themselves, their communities, and the environment.

In 1995, nationally acclaimed restaurateur and food activist Alice Waters created the first Edible Schoolyard in Berkeley, California, pioneering the notion that the best place to teach children the connection between food, health, and the environment is in our schools. Fifteen years later, ESYNYC was founded as a separate 501(c)3 – inspired by the philosophy and model of Edible Schoolyard Berkeley, but designed to serve the specific and specialized needs of students in historically underserved New York City public schools.

Overview

Edible Schoolyard NYC is looking for a graduate level student or graduate to serve as a part-time, temporary research assistant to help implement two survey projects in the spring and summer.

Excellent candidates may be invited to continue working with Edible Schoolyard NYC after this data collection project to support data analysis of survey data using google sheets and SPSS. This would take place in the summer months.

Responsibilities

- Prepare paper and digital surveys for administration in schools in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and East Harlem in April
- Administer surveys to parents at parent conference nights in April, May, and/or June
- Administer student surveys during the school day (8 AM - 3 PM) in May/June
- Enter and clean data from paper surveys
- Possible analysis using google sheets and SPSS
- Possible report writing for those with research experience



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- Possible design and implementation of cafeteria taste test intervention in partnership with the New York City Department of Education SchoolFood and ESYNYC staff

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have proven research experience and demonstrated interest in our mission.

Core qualifications include:

- Graduate student or graduate
- Strong spreadsheet skills- must be able to write and edit formulas, and easily copy, sort, filter, make graphs, and pivot tables on Google sheets
- Must have completed graduate level statistics, research/evaluation classes
- Excellent attention to detail
- On time for all appointments
- Able to problem solve with little supervision

Secondary qualifications include:

- Knowledge of food justice, school gardens, nutrition, or related field
- Spanish language fluency or proficiency
- Experience administering surveys, entering data
- Experience working with school aged-children
- Data analysis experience, especially using SPSS
- Flexible schedule

Compensation and Hours

- \$16/hour
- 8+ hour per week
- Hours are flexible and can be scheduled according to your availability.
- Work will take place on site at our schools and at the ESYNYC DUMBO office.

To Apply

Send a resume and cover sheet to Jessie Tartanian, Evaluation Manager, at jt@esynyc.org ASAP.

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