

# **External Coordinator**

**Contract dates**: Start at the earliest available date, to one calendar year from the start date (with the possibility of renewal)

**Weekly hours**: Approximately 10 hours per week, with flexibility. The coordinator can decide their weekly hours depending on the tasks at hand, but occasionally some hours on weekends and evenings may be required. The internal and external coordinators will also coordinate their work hours with each other.

**Location**: The coordinator may occasionally need to meet with students, faculty, and McGill staff members at McGill's downtown campus. Meetings with facilitators are held weekly at the ECOLE house at 3559 rue University. Outside of these meetings, the coordinator can choose their work location. The coordinator is able to work from home remotely and is also able to work from the ECOLE office space at 3559 rue University. Candidates **must** be based in Montreal.

Compensation: \$20/hour (possibility of pay increase if staying on beyond the first contract year).

### **About ECOLE**

ECOLE is a model of urban sustainable living and a physical hub for the McGill and Montreal sustainability communities. Our mandate, as defined in our constitution, is to "bring together McGill students, faculty and staff and Montreal community members in the pursuit of sustainable living by means of applied student research, alternative education, and community building. ECOLE is an ongoing experiment that strives to be a model of urban sustainable living." ECOLE fulfills its mandate by building on the Three Pillars of ECOLE: Living, Learning, and Community Building. For more information, see <a href="https://www.ecoleproject.com/">https://www.ecoleproject.com/</a>

# Responsibilities

- Support the activities and initiatives of the ECOLE collective by overseeing scheduling, event planning, and other community organizing activities in collaboration with the facilitators
- Facilitate opportunities for facilitators to become strong community organizers by developing training sessions, visioning exercises, and academic/professional opportunities (i.e., conference, workshops, seminars, etc.)
- Maintain a network and contact database of partners, collaborators, and friends of ECOLE
- Facilitate relationships between facilitators and on-campus and community partners, including but not limited to student groups, Milton-Parc groups, and intentional living communities in Montreal
- Liaise with McGill Student Housing & Hospitality Services (SHHS) and student societies (SSMU, MCSS, PGSS) to strengthen partnerships and communication

- Coordinate the move-in and move-out of students in communication with SHHS
- Oversee the space booking process and the maintenance of ECOLE as a sustainability hub in collaboration with responsible facilitators
- Oversee external communications, outreach, and public relations for ECOLE

### Shared among both coordinators (External and Internal coordinators)

- Ensure that the facilitators as a cohort are fulfilling the overall and annual objectives of the ECOLE project
- Support and mentor facilitators in planning and implementing their sustainability micro-projects or applied student research throughout the year
  - Organize regular check-ins, review project/research plans and timelines, review budget plans, review and approve learning reports
  - Organize an end-of-year ECOLE symposium for facilitators to share their project/research outcomes and learning reflections
- Attend recurring meetings with facilitators and board of directors, and deliver progress updates as necessary
- Oversee the recruitment, onboarding, and exit processes for facilitators, including orientation, core trainings, preparing exit reports
- Organize and facilitate the fall training and winter retreat for facilitators
- Organize and facilitate the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in collaboration with the facilitators, board of directors, and collective
- Ensure that ECOLE policies (Hiring Policy, Indigenous Allyship Policy, Space Booking Policy, Sexual Assault Policy, Conflict Resolution Policy, etc.) are up-to-date and complied with by facilitators, coordinators, board members, and collective members
- Collect and consolidate ongoing feedback on ECOLE from facilitators, board of directors, collective members, and beyond to continuously strengthen the operations and programming of the project
- Maintain the institutional records of information, documentation, and knowledge
- Support each other's responsibilities where necessary and appropriate.

## **Qualifications**

#### Essential:

- 1. 3+ years of experience in project coordination and event planning
- 2. 2+ year of experience working with McGill administration and/or student organizations, community groups, and institutional partners
- 3. Strong understanding of sustainability and anti-oppression principles in community-based initiatives
- 4. Experience in communications, outreach, and public relations
- 5. Excellent community organizing and facilitation skills
- 6. Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English (French proficiency an asset)
- 7. Strong networking, relationship-building, and partnership skills

- 8. Strong problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities
- 9. Strong organizational and administrative skills
- 10. High level of accountability and self-motivation

#### Desirable:

- 1. Understanding of best practices in building sustainability hubs, community engagement, and student-led initiatives
- 2. Existing access to networks of communities and groups relevant to ECOLE's activities
- 3. Experience in consensus-based decision-making processes
- 4. Familiarity with Milton-Parc communities, groups, and partnership opportunities
- 5. Familiarity with ECOLE and its operations and programming

# **Employment Equity**

ECOLE values the contributions that individuals who identify as members of marginalized or oppressed communities bring to our organization, and we encourage those people to apply. We recognize that structural barriers shape experiences and job qualifications, and therefore we seek to use employment equity to differentiate between candidates who meet the required qualifications. Please clearly indicate in your application if you wish to be considered for employment equity.

## **How to Apply**

Please complete this Google form to apply: <a href="https://forms.gle/F1vgWZQSYzTiWA9i6">https://forms.gle/F1vgWZQSYzTiWA9i6</a>
The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, by midnight EST.

You will be notified as to whether you have been selected for an interview. Interviews will be held in person or virtually. For questions or concerns, please contact <a href="mailto:ecoleproject@gmail.com">ecoleproject@gmail.com</a>