

Sources of volunteer help

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ALGONQUIN HORTICULTURE

Students are looking for 40 hours of volunteer work to complete the requirements for their degree. Students are strong and willing to work hard. They are also knowledgeable about horticultural practices and can sometimes contribute important information and techniques.

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CARLETON SERVES

In late September, Carleton students volunteer in groups of up to 30 people to do all sorts of jobs in the region. Students are enthusiastic and willing to take on just about anything, but they usually have no experience or knowledge regarding gardening, wildlife, etc. Let them know what to wear, e.g., sturdy shoes for digging, sun protection – clothing and lotion (what not to wear).

The outreach office also organizes volunteer opportunities for residents and other students at various times including during the summer. We have had 2 to 6 students join our work groups to help for an afternoon or for several afternoons

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CARLETON ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

The Ottawa Stewardship Council (Robert McFetridge) has used groups of 3rd year environmental science students for defined projects. Friends of the Earth (Bea Olivastri) has currently engaged a student to do fact sheets about the habitat and needs of 5 bees (or families).

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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Need to apply to be a community partner, then enter project descriptions into a database. Projects may be linked to a course or completely independent. Students check the database and apply for things that interest them. They log their hours, which must be approved by you. When the project/work is finished, you fill in an evaluation form and the student does a brief

report on their experience. This process is rather intimidating at first, but the Ottawa U people who manage it are very helpful and accommodating.

<https://servingothers.uottawa.ca/volunteering/td-environmental-leaders-program/im-community-partner-and-want-submit-proposal>

TD Canada Trust also partners with Ottawa U to fund leadership development projects. Friends of the Earth used this route to engage a group of students, partnered with Ottawa Community Housing, and the Fletcher Wildlife Garden to create pollinator gardens at FWG and 4 OCH sites. There must be an element of leadership training and the project must involve at least 6 students

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VOLUNTEER OTTAWA

Need to join and the fee is \$175 annually (for groups with an annual budget below \$250,000), so best for groups that need many volunteers on an ongoing basis. The FWG has been a member of Volunteer Ottawa for many years and considers it a good investment. You may post “ads” for specific events or ongoing work, no limit. Ads are indexed, so users can search by area, subject, etc. (see https://www.volunteerottawa.ca/member_benefits.html).

In addition, Carissa Harkins organizes group volunteering for corporations and government branches

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We welcome requests for help and would be happy to circulate them via our newsletter or Facebook page.