Job Opportunity: Director, Minnesota Food Charter Network
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Office Location: University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus
Job ID: 305825

Application Deadline: January 1, 2016; position will remain open until filled

ABOUT THIS POSITION

The Minnesota Food Charter Network is a statewide network, rooted in Minnesota Food Charter strategies, that supports and fosters shared action toward healthy food access for all. As the organizational host for the Minnesota Food Charter Network, the Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute is seeking a Network Director.

This position will foster the development of the Minnesota Food Charter Network and implementation of Food Charter strategies, represent the Minnesota Food Charter Network in communities, manage budget and business operations, and provide direct support to multiple teams charged with various Minnesota Food Charter Network responsibilities (including Strategic Team, Operations Team, four Action Teams, lead partners and emergent workgroups).

The person in this position will work in cooperation and collaboration with partners across the state. This position is a full-time position. The person in this position will report to the Director of the Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute. While the person in this position will travel frequently across the state (up to .25 FTE), the position will be based on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

The ideal candidate is a seasoned manager, an excellent relationship builder, and a reflective and strategic thinker with experience supporting complex change by embracing adaptive leadership, teamwork and planning.

For more information on this position, visit: [http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/](http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/) (Job ID: 305825)

ABOUT MINNESOTA FOOD CHARTER NETWORK

The Minnesota Food Charter (MFC) Network provides strategic support, facilitation and connectedness to the ecosystem of healthy food access and MN Food Charter work by convening champions, capturing impact and cultivating collective action. The MN Food Charter is a shared roadmap developed by thousands of Minnesotans that provides proven policy and systems changes, so all residents can obtain access to healthy, affordable, and safe food. The overall purpose of the MFC Network is to support and foster shared action and
capacity to implement Food Charter strategies that increase access to healthy, safe, affordable food for all and is rooted in the values of health equity and being transparent, inclusive, genuine, collaborative, visionary, realistic, and focused. The MFC Network strives to:

- Positively impact and increase efficiencies through collaboration and alignment
- Improve capacity for action at the local, regional and state level
- Support rapid innovation through accelerated networking, sharing and learning
- Strengthen relationships built on trust
- Broker connections among resources and partners
- Enhance and improve Minnesota’s food system.

ABOUT THE HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES INSTITUTE

The fiscal host for the MN Food Charter Network is the University of Minnesota's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives (HFHL) Institute. The HFHL Institute served as the organizational home for the MN Food Charter Steering Committee, contributing substantial staff time and financial support between February 2013 and the release of the Food Charter in October 2014. The mission of HFHL is to increase and sustain the University’s impact in the interdisciplinary arena of food, agriculture and health by building the University's capacity in research, learning and community engagement. The priority areas for focus are food safety, prevention of obesity and chronic disease and food policy. Within these priority areas, of special importance is the integration of agriculture and health. The major goal of the HFHL Institute is to utilize and help build the strengths of the University of Minnesota in the area of food and health to advance scientific and public knowledge and influence public policy.