Loblaw Net-Zero Food Systems Challenge Application

Introduction
The University of Guelph and Loblaw Companies Limited have partnered to challenge tomorrow’s food leaders and develop solutions for a net-zero food system in Canada, through a new 10-month graduate student experiential learning program at the university.

The Loblaw Net-Zero Food Systems Challenge will bring together graduate students from across Canada to investigate strategic levers that will drive Canadian adoption and demand for net-zero agricultural products along the value chain, from farmers to consumers. The 10-month program is being run by Arrell Food Institute and the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph. Loblaw will provide financial support and the opportunity of real-world sector insight.

Criteria
- The applicant must currently be enrolled in a master’s or doctoral program at a Canadian university
- The applicant must have an interest in sustainable food systems
- The applicant must be available to attend the kick-off workshop at the University of Guelph, in Guelph Ontario from February 20 – 24, 2023. Selected participants will have travel and accommodation expenses covered to attend the kick-off workshop at the University of Guelph in February 2023.

Terms of the Participation
- Selected participants will have travel and accommodation expenses covered to attend the kick-off workshop at the University of Guelph in February 2023
- Participants are expected to be able to work on the project from February to November 2023. Participants must be able to meet remotely with their team.
- Participants are expected to commit an average of 5 hours/week to work on the project from February to November 2023
- Participants will receive a $2000 stipend at the end of the work term in November 2023

Application Procedure
- The application form, statement of motivation and CV must be submitted by January 13, 2023 at 11:59 P.M ET in PDF format to thechallenge@uoguelph.ca
- The 1-page statement of motivations should address the following:
  - How your research and/or interests align with transforming the current food system
  - The relevance of any work or life experience that speaks to your personal motivation to find solutions to net-zero food systems
Loblaw Net-Zero Food Systems Challenge Application Form

First name

Last name

Email

Phone

City of residence

University

Program name

Degree level  
☐ M.A.  ☐ M.Sc.  ☐ Ph.D.  ☐ Other

Expected program completion date

Name of advisor or program co-ordinator

Advisor email

Please confirm the following details:

☐ I can attend the kick-off workshop in Guelph on February 20 – 24, 2023

☐ I am able to participate in this program from February to November 2023

☐ My application includes this form, my statement of motivation and my CV

Please email your application to thechallenge@uoguelph.ca