



Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning

Role Description: Land-Based Educator Support for Children and Youth

Location: Williideh Gathering Site (Outside of Yellowknife)

Full time Casual: May 10th - May 31st, 2024

About Dechinta: The Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning is an Indigenous land-based initiative delivering accredited post-secondary education and conducting community based research. We are currently seeking new staff to support our upcoming summer hide camp semester! Dechinta is dedicated to creating a future of Indigenous cultural revitalization through a reconnection with the land. Through our programs, we strive to create Northern Indigenous communities that are radically self-determining, healthy, sustainable, and connected to Indigenous knowledge and practices.

Outline of the Position: This position is driven by land-based learning, relationship building and collaborative support with the Dechinta Godzèa Children and Youth Program. The Dechinta Godzèa program is shaped by Dene worldviews and Dene land-based perspectives. This position will require you to support our children and youth land-based educators in delivering land-based learning, cultural practices and language revitalization for three weeks. This position requires travel to the Williideh Gathering Site outside of Yellowknife, a flexible work schedule, and extensive time on the land.

Role Mandate: To work collaboratively with land based educators, children and youth, and the Dechinta team in learning together and sharing northern Indigenous land-based and cultural teachings. This role will provide support to our children and youth land-based educators in creating a learning environment that embodies traditional teachings and efforts to transmit knowledge and revitalize northern Indigenous culture.

Primary Responsibilities:

- **Learning:**
 - Proactively seek out learning opportunities from Elders, developing intergenerational knowledge and wisdom so that it may be shared with others. Cultivate and refine traditional teaching skills so that knowledge can be transmitted in culturally appropriate ways while ensuring traditional teaching methods are practised.
- **Children and Youth Teaching**
 - Provide insight and advice to faculty around land-based learning opportunities that can support academic teaching
 - Design and deliver the land-based learning opportunities for children and youth, as part of Dechinta's family inclusive academic programs, sharing knowledge with youth and the Dechinta team
 - Provide advice and suggestions to both academic and other land-based educators on how to improve the learning of students who participate in Dechinta's family inclusive programming
- **Capacity Building and Coordination**
 - Anticipate and proactively offer support to the Dechinta team, supporting the successful delivery of Dechinta land-based programs

How to Apply: Please submit your letter of intent and resume to rena@dechinta.ca. If you have any questions, please reach out by email to rena@dechinta.ca