



Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning

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

Location: Wíilíideh Gathering Site (Outside of Yellowknife)

Full time Casual: May 22nd - June 14th, 2023

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 Wíilíideh 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 admin@dechinta.ca. If you have any questions, please reach out by email to admin@dechinta.ca or call: (867) 668-2000 ext. 110