

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

BLACK FOOD FUTURES: YOUTH-LED MARKET ASSESSMENT



PURPOSE:

Learn about Black students' interests and needs for careers related to food and develop a Black Youth Food Leadership Program.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

1. Complete an online Black Youth Employment Survey (7-10 minutes)
2. Participate in a virtual interview (30-60 minutes)
3. Become a Youth Researcher (2 hours/week for 14 weeks)

COMPENSATION:

Students who participate as Youth Researchers or Interviewees will be able to claim Community Service Hours.

SURVEY



INFORMATION SHEET

What is the purpose of this study?

To learn about Black students' interests and needs for careers related to food. Findings from the study will be used to develop a Black Youth Food Leadership Program (BYFLP) in the Spring of 2022.

The research is being led by Dr. Julian Hasford, Assistant Professor in the School of Child and Youth Care at Ryerson (name change in process) University, in partnership with the Black Youth Farming Collective. Research Staff include Ashanté Daley (Research Coordinator), Hansel Ibgavoa (Research Assistant), and Sheldon Caruana (Project Coordinator).

What will I be asked to do?

There are 3 ways you could be involved, and you can choose to do all or some. We are looking for:

1. 200 students to complete an online Black Youth Employment Survey (7-10 minutes, through Google Forms). To complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/1LB8LSnjYezhXMZx5>
2. 20 students to participate in a virtual interview where we will discuss your career interests and supports (30-60 minutes, using Zoom and Jamboard). For more info: <https://forms.gle/f6mnHcnyWADcMTiT8>.
3. 20 students to join as Youth Researchers to assist in conducting and analyzing interviews with other students and food experts (~2 hours per week over 14 weeks from March to June, with interviews and meetings conducted virtually using Zoom and Jamboard). For more info: <https://forms.gle/MY7jAjWwwj1Q3jzL9>.

Will I receive any compensation?

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Are there any risks?

There are very small risks to participating. Although surveys are mostly anonymous, your identity will be known to people on the research team. While we will strive to protect the confidentiality of all participants, there is a small possibility that information you disclose could be shared with others. We will stress the importance of confidentiality with everyone on our research team.

Is participation voluntary?

Yes, participation is entirely voluntary, and you can withdraw your consent at any time.

Eligibility:

To participate in this study, you must:

- self-identify as Black, Black-Biracial, African, or Afro-Caribbean descent;
- be over 15 years of age;
- be currently enrolled in grades 10-12; and
- attend secondary school in the Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board

If you would like to participate, please complete the survey (<https://forms.gle/1LB8LSnjYezhXMZx5>), or email Dr. Julian Hasford at jhasford@ryerson.ca or Ashanté Daley at ashante.daley@ryerson.ca for more information. You can also click on the links above (under What will I be asked to do?).

The study is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and has been reviewed and approved by the Ryerson University (renaming in process) Research Ethics Board (REB No. 2021-410) and by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board Research Committee. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a participant in this study, please contact:

Research Ethics Board, c/o Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation, Ryerson University (renaming in process), 350 Victoria Street, Toronto, ON, M5B 2K3, 416-979-5042, rebchair@ryerson.ca