

## Native Plants School Garden Grant Proposal Assignment: 20%

Submit a grant proposal (see course website for a list of potential funders) in order to create a plan for a school garden of Indigenous plants. The ideas will be evaluated based on the corresponding criteria required in the application.

For example, the WWF-Canada's *Go Wild School Grants* program provides funding to create a school garden of Indigenous plants. The ideas are evaluated based on the following criteria (established by the WWF):

- **Overall quality and relevance of project:** How and to what extent will the work contribute to improving the health of nature in the school community? How will you measure results? How creative is it? Does it involve one of the following key themes related to nature: protect, restore, monitor, celebrate, educate?
- **Community engagement:** How many students will participate in the project? How effective is the project in connecting students to nature in their community? Is there opportunity to engage the broader school community, such as other students, parents/caregivers?
- **Potential to replicate:** Can this project be sustained beyond the first year? Can this project be expanded to a bigger scale? Could it include other stakeholders and/or school communities?
- **Communications:** Does this project tell a good story? Is it fun?
- **Implementation plan:** Is the implementation plan reasonable? Can the goals be met according to the budget and timeline?
- **Budget:** Is the budget appropriate for the proposed activities? Does the project have any in-kind support?

See <https://wwf.ca/take-action/apply-for-funding/go-wild-school-grants/> and <https://schools.wwf.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/08/Go-Wild-School-Grants-K-12-Frequently-Asked-Questions-Fall-2020-2.pdf> at WWF-Canada for more details. The application launch takes place early September.

The school garden that you propose should bring wild nature to your school's playground. Create appropriate criteria that connects with your grant proposal and a corresponding rubric for assessment (you may modify the sample Go Wild WWF rubric for this assignment – see the course website). Please see the document on our course website entitled, *Native Plants School Garden Grant Proposal Assignment*, for proposal options and resources.