Realfoods Canteen Assistant (part-time)

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RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

RUSU is launching our new social enterprise Realfoods Canteen on the busy RMIT CBD campus. Realfoods Canteen provides healthy, affordable and sustainable food options for RMIT students, with a culturally diverse and delicious vegan and vegetarian menu.

Join us and help tackle student food insecurity?

The Realfoods Canteen Assistant is an experienced hospitality and/or food security professional. Alongside the Realfoods Coordinator they are the 'core' Realfoods Canteen team. Both of these staff work consistently across the canteen operating days (Monday to Thursday).

A desire to work in a purpose driven team and the personality and people skills to support junior staff and student volunteers, welcome customers, and foster an inclusive and community Canteen environment is essential.

What's in it for you

- Great working hours – Mostly daytime/early evening hours. Monday to Thursday (26-28 hrs/week)
- Convenient location at RMIT University CBD Campus
- Being part of a purpose-driven organisation making a genuine impact on student food insecurity and well-being
- $32/hour plus superannuation (Salary Comparison based on a 38 hour week - $63,232)
- Excellent employment conditions under the RUSU Enterprise Agreement (2025)

About the Realfoods Canteen & Role

RUSU has operated variations of Realfoods at RMIT for 20+ years. In 2026 RUSU has pivoted to a Realfoods Canteen model, in response to the significant food insecurity faced by students. Under this model we offer a simple and limited daily menu of meals (breakfast, lunch and early dinner)– at $5 for RMIT students and $10/$12 for community. Meals are prepared offsite and heated and served in the Canteen. The small staff team includes hospitality staff and student casuals. A small team of trained volunteers will join the Canteen team.

The Canteen Assistant needs to be across all of the canteens day to day operations – from open to close and from breakfast to dinner. The role includes; food preparation, customer and food service and other canteen duties. The Canteen Assistant works the busy lunch service. They will also be rostered on either breakfast or early dinner shifts daily.

Supporting and mentoring junior staff and student volunteers is an important part of this role.

Qualifications & Key Requirements

- Minimum two years professional work experience in a hospitality, canteen or food security project role in a fast paced environment (e.g. All-rounder, Barista, Sandwich-hand/Kitchenhand)
- Demonstrated customer service/ retail experience (e.g. receiving of stock, Point of Sale, cash reconciliation)
- Demonstrated experience in food preparation, food handling and food service in a fast paced setting.
- A passion for healthy, sustainable food (including vegan/vegetarian food) and tackling student food insecurity.
- Knowledge of and commitment to food safety and hygiene (Food Handlers Certificate)
- Friendly, confident and approachable with excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Full Position Description & Selection Criteria are available at: https://www.rusu.rmit.edu.au/jobs

Advice to Applicants

RUSU is an equal opportunity employer. We respect and value diversity and encourage applications from all sectors of the community. RUSU is a child-safe organisation. We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of young people. A valid Working with Children Check is required. You must have the right to work permanently in Australia to apply for this role.

To Apply

Submit your application by email to realfoodsjobs@rmit.edu.au. Applications must include a resume and cover letter addressing how you specifically meet the key requirements of the role (max 2 pages).

Applications close Monday 6 April 2026 at 11.59pm. Early Applications are welcome.

For further information on the position, please contact realfoodsjobs@rmit.edu.au

APPLICANTS MUST BE ABLE TO START ASAP

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