

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm

Position Title: Food Skills Education Intern

Background

Located on unceded Musqueam territory, the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (CSFS) at UBC Farm is a unique research center that aims to understand and fundamentally transform local and global food systems towards a more sustainable, food secure future. The CSFS at UBC Farm is a living laboratory committed to finding solutions to both local and global challenges facing food systems sustainability and translating solutions to improve personal, community, and environmental health.

The LFS Career Development Internship aims to engage UBC students with their local food system and create opportunities to experience the working environment of a food sustainability focused organization. Interns work alongside UBC Farm staff and faculty to increase their understanding and knowledge of food systems research, from organic agriculture to food production methods, food-focused community engagement, and business management.

The Food Skills Education Intern will support the UBC Farm team in the development and delivery of the UBC Farm Workshop Series. Tasks will include: coordination of workshop logistics with the presenters, promotion of workshops through existing marketing channels, tracking of workshop registration levels, occasional liaising of workshops through on-site presence, and recruitment of new workshop presenters. The Intern will not only have the opportunity to learn about sustainable food and living skills through occasional workshop attendance, but will also gain experience with educational program management, event coordination, and marketing.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496 - 3 credits) twice: once in the Summer semester and once in Winter 1 semester. At the end of the 26-week program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The Food Skills Education Intern will work alongside the UBC Farm team on the following tasks:

- Coordinate workshop logistics with presenters and colleagues;
- Promote workshops through website maintenance and social media presence;
- Monitor registration level and maintain historical database;
- Act as workshop liaison by (occasionally) attending workshops;
- Analyze workshop registration data and survey results
- Recruit new workshop presenters

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- If time permits, provide administrative support for other adult educational programming

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496
- High degree of organization and attention to detail
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills
- Capable of using excel to collect and organize data
- Comfortable using social media for promotion and marketing
- Ability to work both in a team and individual setting
- Interest and familiarity with sustainable living skills, especially those pertaining to food

Position Details

- May to December 2017
- 6-9 hours per week
- Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate. Workshop liaising requires occasional evening or weekend duties.
- This is an unpaid, for credits, internship

How to apply

Along with your resume please write a brief letter (max. 500 words) outlining the following:

- The internship position you are applying for
- Why would you like to do this internship at the UBC Farm? How do you feel this experience will contribute to your overall learning and education at UBC?
- **Email resume and cover letter to:**
Seth Friedman
seth.friedman@ubc.ca
- Acceptable formats include text (within the body of the email), Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF
- All applications should clearly refer to "UBC Farm Internship"
- Applications must be received no later than **Sunday, February 19th, 2017**
- Please no phone calls
- More information about the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm can be found at www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm