

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Position Title: Organic Farming 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 Organic Farming Intern will participate to various field activities related to organic agriculture including crop seeding, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and harvesting. The Intern will have the opportunity to learn about perennial crop management (e.g., strawberries, blueberries, herbs, hops, flowers, and hedgerow plants) or annual crop management (e.g., alliums, brassicas, etc.). The Intern may also have the opportunity to participate in seed production, plant breeding, and variety trials.

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 Organic Farm Field Intern will work alongside farm supervisors and other farm staff on the following tasks:

- Preparing production fields for seeding and transplanting
- Seeding and transplanting
- Establishing plants in fields and hedgerows
- Maintaining various crops by weeding around the crops
- Observing and recording crop information
- Harvesting and performing post-harvest duties such as processing and bagging
- Pest Management

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Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496.
- Capable of using excel to collect and organize data
- Willingness to learn and desire to gain research experience
- Ability to work both in a team and individually setting
- Capable to work in physically demanding conditions
- Capable to work long hours at repetitive tasks
- Able to perform tasks in a timely manner with considerations towards the quality of work
- Good communication skills

Position Details

- May to December 2017
- 6-9 hours per week
- Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate, however availability between Tuesday and Thursday is preferred.
- 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:

- Which internship position you are applying for
- Why you would like to do an internship at the UBC Farm
- What you hope to gain from such an experience or how you feel this experience would contribute to your overall learning and education at UBC
- Specific interests or areas that you would like to learn more about

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- Acceptable formats include text (within the body of the email), Microsoft Word 2007 or earlier, or Adobe PDF
- All applications should clearly refer to "UBC Farm Internship"
- Applications must be received no later than **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