

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Position Title: Tu'Wusht Indigenous Garden 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 CSFS 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 Tu'wusht Project is an Indigenous led initiative connecting people to food and nature. It is a community inclusive initiative that focuses on the urban Aboriginal population who face the most barriers in accessing natural environment and appropriate nutritious traditional foods. Project participants receive the opportunity to engage in food sustenance development through community kitchen and land based activities in growing, procuring, preserving food while connecting with traditional Indigenous knowledge. The Tu'Wusht Indigenous Garden Intern plays an important role in the Tu'Wusht community by assisting the team in managing the growth and harvest of food and medicinal plants, by creating a safe space for participants and volunteers to thrive, and by acting as an ambassador for Tu'Wusht' activities.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496 3 or 6 credits) in their respective programs. At the end of the 13 or 26-week program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The Tu'Wusht Indigenous Garden Intern will work alongside the Tu'Wusht team on the following tasks:

- Planning, regular maintenance, harvesting, and processing of food and medicinal plants
- Supervising volunteers during garden working sessions
- Supporting communications, documentation and promotions of the garden (e.g., helping with regular newsletters, photography, video, and website updates)
- Supporting the coordination, promotion, and evaluation of garden-based workshops or tours throughout the growing season

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Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496.
- Interested in Indigenous health, food production, ethnobotany, and traditional knowledge
- Some experience conducting literature reviews and implementing qualitative research considered an asset
- Eager to gain research experience, educational experience, and practical skills
- Ability to work both in a team and individually
- Comfortable with and physically able to work outdoors in variable weather
- Awareness of and sensitivity to Indigenous worldviews, history and contemporary issues

Position Details

- May to August 2017 or May to December 2017
- 6-9 hours per week for 3 credits or 12-18 hours per week for 6 credits
- Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate
- 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

Email:

Dancing Water Lulua, Tu'wusht Project Coordinator
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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