

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm

Position Title: Organic Farm Intern – Seed Production

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 Seed Hub at UBC Farm produce about 20 different types of seed crop every year. The seeds are distributed through the BC Eco Seed Co-op as well as through various retail outlets. The Seed Production Intern will assist the Seed Hub coordinator by participating to seed crop processing, performing germination tests to assure seed quality on all crops, and engaging with seed distribution activities. The ideal candidate for this internship position works well as a team member as well as independently. The candidate is also willing to learn and work under a diversity of conditions.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496 - 3 credits) for the Winter 1 semester. At the end of the 13-week program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The Seed Production Intern will work alongside the UBC Farm Seed Hub team on the following tasks:

- Harvesting and processing seed crops
- Performing germination test to assure seed quality
- Recording germination information on excel
- Researching germination information when required
- Participating in seed distribution activities

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Preferred Qualifications

- Must be UBC student eligible for LFS 496
- Capable to work in physically demanding conditions
- Capable to work long hours doing repetitive tasks
- Able to perform tasks in a timely manner with considerations towards the quality of work
- Willingness to learn and desire to gain research experience
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work in a team and individually

Position Details

- September to December 2017
- 6-9 hours per week
- 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.

- **Send your application to:**

Melanie Sylvestre

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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 <http://ubcfarm.ubc.ca/>