

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Position Title: Community Engagement 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 UBC Farm is engaged in a number of programs and events that aim to enhance community food literacy and to encourage advocacy on issues of public concerns including environmental stewardship, healthy diets and lifestyles, and social development. The Community Engagement Intern plays a vital role in managing community outreach events and programs by: seeking out and attending weekly outreach events on- and off-campus, coordinating and recruiting outreach volunteers, helping create outreach material. The Community Engagement Intern is an enthusiastic and dedicated UBC Farm ambassador who is always ready to inform the community about the UBC Farm's role in food system sustainability.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course either once from January to April 2018 (LFS 496 - 3 credits) or from January to August 2018 (LFS 496 – 6 credits). At the end of this program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The Community Engagement Intern will work alongside the farm supervisor and other farm staff on the following tasks:

- Researching and attending events that will increase student and community members' awareness and interactions with the UBC Farm;
- Recruit, train and retain volunteers for outreach events;
- Help create program specific outreach materials;
- Contribute to community engagement data collection and reporting.

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Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496
- Capable of using excel to collect and organize data
- Comfortable using social media for project updates
- Willingness to learn and desire to gain research experience
- Ability to work both in a team and individually

Position Details

- January to April 2018 or January to August 2018
- 6-9 hours per week
- Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate.
- Some weekday evenings and weekend availability 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 **September 1st 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