Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

**Position Title:** Community Kitchen 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 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 food systems practitioners and faculty to increase their understanding and knowledge of food systems work, from organic agriculture to food production methods, food-focused community engagement, and business management.

The UBC Farm Community Kitchen Initiative is a monthly gathering where community members (e.g., students, faculty, staff and neighbors) come together to prepare a meal as a group. The initiative generates enthusiasm and community around preparing food and sharing cooking skills and knowledge, but it also helps enhance community food literacy while encouraging advocacy on issues of public concerns including environmental stewardship, healthy diets and lifestyles, and social development. The Community Kitchen Intern will play a vital role in managing the monthly community kitchen by: planning and leading the community kitchen cooking; coordinating and recruiting participants, and helping communicate the kitchen’s benefits via social media. The Community Kitchen Intern is an enthusiastic and dedicated food lover and UBC Farm ambassador who is ready to engage the community about the UBC Farm’s role in food literacy and community development.

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 Community Kitchen Intern will work alongside the farm supervisor and other farm staff on the following tasks:
- Select and grocery shop for recipes that will keep a group of 10-15 people engaged and learning new cooking techniques
• Coordinate with the UBC Carm team to use farm vegetable culls to create local and nutritious meals
• Promote the community kitchen, both on and off campus, to ensure each event has full attendance
• Foster dialogue around food security and food literacy with community kitchen participants
• Managing Wordpress website forms for registration and reminders for each community kitchen event

Preferred Qualifications
• UBC student eligible for LFS 496
• Comfortable working with large groups of people in a kitchen, batch cooking and capable of ensuring the success of the planned recipes
• Capable of using excel and google docs
• Food Safe level 1 is preferred, but not mandatory
• Ability to work both in a team and individually

Position Details
• May to December 2018
• 6-9 hours per week
• Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate.
• This is an unpaid, for credits, internship

How to apply
• Apply by submitting one Adobe PDF document combining a cover letter and résumé.
• The cover letter should be maximum 500 words, state which internship position you are applying for, and 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
• Email: Katherine Hastie, katherine.hastie@ubc.ca
• All applications should clearly refer to “Career Development Internship”
• Applications received by February 25th 2018 will receive priority consideration, but the position will remain open until filled.
• 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