

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Position Title: Poultry Care 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 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 Poultry Care internship will give students a chance to work directly with the small-scale poultry operation of the UBC Farm. Interns will learn about animal production and how it fits into a broader agroecosystem. Responsibilities will include: egg collection and washing, feed and water, maintaining coops and pasture rotation.

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 Poultry Care Intern will work alongside the UBC Farm team on the following tasks:

- Basic poultry care
- Egg collection and washing
- Pasture maintenance
- Preparing reports

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496.
- Capable of using excel to collect and organize data

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- 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 setting

Position Details

- May to December 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

- 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:** Michael Millar, michael.millar@ubc.ca
- All applications should clearly refer to "Career Development Internship"
- Applications received by **January 30th 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