



2018 CRUW Garden Coordinator Service Contractor Opportunities

Contract length: 14 Saturdays & 1 ½ DAY Orientation from March to October 2018. Plus an additional 1-hour between sessions for debriefs (158 hours @\$22.50/hour- \$3555.00 total contract value)

Dates: March 28th (staff training), April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, September 1, September 15, September 29, October 20.

The Culturally Relevant Urban Wellness (CRUW) Program was developed in 2011 by a community partnership interested in promoting the use of green space as a source of wellness and concrete skill development for vulnerable youth. The program targets Aboriginal youth in foster care, and vulnerable new immigrant youth, and is grounded in the indigenous perspective that we derive wellness and community from relationship and interaction with land and territory. CRUW is based at Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society (VACFSS), and operates in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the University of British Columbia (UBC) Farm, the Faculty of Land and Food Systems at UBC, and community partner agencies. CRUW has three distinct programming streams, including: 1) the core UBC Farm program; 2) the youth research committee; 3) the Life Skills & Leadership program; and 4) the Youth Mentor Committee. Together these programs serve some 100 youth annually, with the collective objectives of 1) honouring our diversity; 2) holistic and sustainable urban wellness; 3) emotional and cultural competence; and 4) youth leadership.

The UBC Farm CRUW program brings Aboriginal youth in foster care at VACFSS together with other diverse youth through the Thunderbird Community Centre to the UBC Farm. Youth participants spend 16 Saturdays working with Aboriginal Elders and knowledge keepers, program staff, and other professionals, engaging in a variety of activities and workshops on both garden and indoor settings. Participants are split into 3 groups of 10 youth, each led and supervised by a Group Leader- who is intern supported by a youth worker, a youth mentor and a volunteer. All service contractors are also required to

attend a paid one-day staff and volunteer orientation prior to the program. Youth workers interested in applying are recommended to watch our video for more information and context on the program: vacfss.com/programs/cruw.

As a Garden Coordinator, you will bring with you:

- Strong capacities in youth work (both in groups and one-to-one)
- Strong facilitation abilities
- 2 years of related experience working directly with youth
- Valid First Aid
- Valid Criminal Record Check (to be provided by VACFSS)

Preference will be given to candidates of Aboriginal ancestry. To apply: Please email a resume and cover letter to Raelene Hodgson, CRUW Program Coordinator: raelene_hodgson@vacfss.com by March 1, 2018.

Breakdown of pay schedule:

14 x billable 8-hour days in the CRUW UBC Farm program (8:30am-4:30pm) as a Group Leader service contractor in the CRUW program on the following dates: **April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, September 1, September 15, September 29, October 20.**

1 x billable 4-hour staff training day March 28th

14 x billable one-hour debriefs (one between each UBC Farm program session)

4 x billable 7-hour days of curriculum planning for the UBC Farm CRUW program (intended to prepare for delivering the garden curriculum as described in the CRUW program manual). This time can be used prior to the start of the program, or spread out as session planning over the course of the season.

This totals 14 eight-hour billable days, 4 seven-hour billable days, 14 debrief hours, one 4-hour staff training for a total of 158 billable hours @ \$22.50/hour for total of \$3555.00.