

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Position Title: *Growing Chefs!* Classroom Interns

Background

Growing Chefs! is a Vancouver-based non-for-profit that runs a classroom gardening and cooking program in elementary schools to connect kids to their food and get them excited about growing, cooking, and eating good, healthy food. We believe in the importance of connecting young children to their food through hands-on learning, getting their hands in the dirt, and teaching them how their food choices affect their personal health and the health of the environment.

Managed by the CSFS, the Food Systems 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.

Growing Chefs! program is 100% delivered by our skilled and enthusiastic volunteer teams consisting of individuals with a passion for local, sustainable food. The Growing Chef! Classroom Interns will work with teams of volunteers in elementary school classrooms to deliver highly interactive growing and cooking lessons focused on garden planting, urban agriculture, healthy eating, and basic cooking skills. The Growing Chef! Classroom Interns will gain valuable leadership and teaching experience in a classroom environment, meet others interested and working in food education, leadership, and sustainability, as well as gain experience leading kids through engaging hands-on activities.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496 - 3 credits) from May to August 2018, with the possibility of extending the internship to December 2018. However, active engagement with the Growing Chef! team will occur from April to July 2018. At the end of this program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The *Growing Chefs!* Classroom Interns will work alongside the *Growing Chefs!* team on the following tasks:

- Assist with the delivery of the *Growing Chefs!* lessons in elementary school classrooms (number of classrooms negotiable based on availability)
- Take lead on communications and planning for their assigned volunteer teams
- Ensure classroom kit materials are complete and organized throughout the program

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- Provide feedback on lessons and activities to *Growing Chefs!* Program Manager
- Assist with program wrap up, including collecting classroom materials, cleaning and organizing kits, and completing inventory of materials

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496.
- Knowledge of gardening and/or cooking and experience working with children an asset but not required as we provide full training.
- Interest in food sustainability, children education, and nutrition.
- Efficient, organized, hard-working, and enthusiastic.
- Willingness to learn and desire to gain professional experience.
- Ability to work both in a team and independently.
- Ability to present findings in a clear and concise manner.

Position Details

- April to July 2018
- 6 to 9 hours per week
- Criminal Record Check required
- Interns must also attend a program training to learn the *Growing Chefs!* curriculum they will be teaching.
- Must be available to join classrooms on weekday mornings (exact schedule flexible and to be determined with candidate)
- Placement locations at elementary schools throughout the Lower Mainland (to be determined with candidate)
- This is an unpaid, for-credit, 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:** Amanda Adams, amanda@growingchefs.ca
- All applications should clearly refer to "Career Development Internship"
- Applications received by **March 23rd 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 and Growing Chefs! can be found at www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm and www.growingchefs.ca