

Student Internship

Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Small-Scale Meat Producers Association

Position Title: Small-Scale Meat Sector Policy Internship

Background

The Small-Scale Meat Producers Association (SSMPA) represents British Columbia farmers and ranchers who are raising meat outside of the conventional, industrial system. It is a registered non-profit society made up of primary-producers as well as supportive individuals and organizations. It was founded by a group of farmers and ranchers to build greater stability and growth opportunities for small-scale meat producers in British Columbia.

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.

SSMPA conducts research to support its policy agenda on small-scale meat production and processing in British Columbia. Topics of research include on-farm production and processing, regulatory issues, supply management and marketing boards, abattoir capacity, and industry outlook. A primary responsibility of the intern will be to implement a province-wide survey of small-scale meat producers that will collect data to develop a snapshot of the industry's current challenges and opportunities. The Small-Scale Meat Sector Policy Intern will have the opportunity to work with SSMPA board members, industry associations, and contacts within the Ministry of Agriculture. This internship represents an opportunity to understand small-scale meat production provincially, as well as refine research and communication skills in a practical manner.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496 - 3 credits) once or twice (May – August or May – December). At the end of the 14 or 28-week program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The Small-Scale Meat Sector Policy Intern will work alongside the SSMPA team on the following tasks:

- Assist the development and implementation of a provincial small scale meat producer survey
- Participate in the collection and analysis of survey data
- Be a SSMPA ambassador at regional events

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Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496
- Passionate about local, small-scale meat production
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Excellent computer skills generally, especially experience with Excel
- Ability to work independently and collaborate with others remotely
- Ability to take guidance when problem solving is needed

Position Details

- May to August or May to December 2019
 - 3 credits over one semester (May to August 2019), for a total of 126 hours (or average of 9 hours per week)
 - 6 credits over two semesters (May to December 2019), for a total of 252 hours (or average of 9 hours per week)
- Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate. Workshop liaising may require occasional evening or weekend duties.
- 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:

- 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:** Corine Singfield, Corine.Singfield@kpu.ca
- All applications should clearly refer to "Career Development Internship"
- Application deadline is **March 18 2019**
- Please no phone calls
- More information about the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems and Small-Scale Meat Producers Association can be found at www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm and <https://smallscalemeat.ca>