

Student Internship



Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Earth Apple Farm

Position Title: Organic Farm Intern

Background

Earth Apple Farm is a 5-acre, organic farm producing fruit, vegetables, and free-range eggs located in Abbotsford, British Columbia, and based at Glen Valley Organic Farm Coop, a 50-acre land cooperative. Earth Apple Farm's mission is to produce healthy, organic produce for local communities and with respect for ecological health. It is also vital to Earth Apple Farm to aid new entrants to farming. Earth Apple Farm's leader, Shirlene Coté, is a qualified farmer and educator with years of experience in sustainable agriculture.

The Land & 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.

Earth Apple Farm is looking for dynamic team members to assist with the 2019 management of its organic fruits and vegetable production. The Organic Farm Intern(s) will help the Earth Apple Farm with the planting, pruning, fertilization, weeding, pest and fungal management, and harvesting of heat loving crops that require cold frame cover and/or mulching (e.g., tomatoes). The Intern(s) will also assist with the produce harvesting, washing, and packing Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), wholesale, and farmers' market orders. The Organic Farm Intern(s) will gain hands-on experience with more than 50 varieties of fruits and vegetables from a team of dedicated, environmental educators. This internship also offer the rare opportunity to gain insight as to the operations of a farming cooperative, a unique business model in agricultural production.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496 - 6 credits) in their respective programs. At the end of the 13 or 26-week internship, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The Organic Farm Intern will work alongside the Earth Apple Farm team on the following tasks:

- Assist with crop production, field maintenance, and harvesting;
- Assist with produce preparation for sales via three different channels (CSA, markets, wholesale).

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496

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- Ability to work or learn to work in a fast-paced environment
- Experience in gardening or farming
- Physically fit and able to carry out a variety of tasks that involve bending, squatting, and lifting
- Happy to work outdoors in all conditions
- Can take direction and act as a leader to carry out specific tasks
- Team player with resilience, commitment, and a positive attitude
- Able to give and receive feedback
- Ability to rise up to the challenge of problem solving

Position Details

- May to August or May to December, depending on availability
- Number of hours is dependent on length of the internship and number of credits:
 - 6 credits over one semester (May to August 2019), for a total of 252 hours (or average of 18 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.
- 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:** Shirlene Cote, earthapplefarm@gmail.com
- All applications should clearly refer to "Career Development Internship"
- Applications received by **February 24th 2019** 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](#) and [Earth Apple Farm](#)