Student Internship

Faculty of Land and Food Systems
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Position Title: Think & Eat Green @ School Project 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 LFS 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.

The Think&EatGreen@School (TEGS) Project is a school district (K-12)-community-university programming and research alliance aiming to support healthy and sustainable school food systems. The TEGS Project Intern will assist the Project Manager in planning and implementing the goals of the TEGS Project, which include offering professional development opportunities for teachers and school staff (focused on food gardens and orchards, composting, food preparation, curriculum development, etc.); offering small grants to schools and non-profit organizations for activities which support food literacy education and food access; and gathering data for research on food literacy, farm to school initiatives, and school food systems. The TEGS Project Intern will gain deeper understanding of mechanisms to support food literacy and healthy and sustainable school food systems while also building practical and transferable skills around planning and coordinating training and networking events for school staff. The TEGS Project Intern will also have the opportunity to learn how to collect and/or manage data as well as communicate and build relationships with diverse stakeholders and interest groups.

Interns are expected to enroll in the Career Development Internship course (LFS 496) 3 or 6 credits in their respective programs. At the end of the 13-week internship, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties

The TEGS Project Intern will work alongside the TEGS team on the following tasks:

- Planning and coordinating professional development workshops and a summer institute on topics related to food systems and food literacy education for K-12 teachers and other school staff

- Communicating with the public about TEGS activities through emails, a website, and social and traditional media
- Communicating with participants in projects and activities supported by TEGS small grants
- Collecting data through the professional development activities, and on projects implemented through the TEGS small grants program, which may involve visiting schools

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496.
- Completed LFS 250 – Land, Food, and Community I
- Capable of using Excel to collect and organize data
- Knowledge or willingness to learn basic WordPress skills to update TEGS website
- Comfortable using social media for project updates
- Ability to work both in a team and individual setting
- Comfortable communicating with K-12 school teachers and other staff and with non-profit organization administrators and staff
- Comfortable taking notes in meetings and group discussions/activities
- Interest in school food systems and/or farm to school and/or food literacy education and training

Position Details

- May to August
- Number of hours is dependent on length of the internship and number of credits:
  - 3 credits over one semester (May to August) for a total of 126 hours (average of 9 hours/week)
  - 6 credits over one semester (May to August), for a total of 252 hours (average of 18 hours/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 (subject heading "TEGS Internship"):** Lisa Powell, lisa.powell@ubc.ca
- Application deadline is **March 10 2019**
- Please no phone calls
- More information about the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems can be found at www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm and about the history of TEGS can be found at https://thinkeatgreen.ca/.