Position Title: Food & Garden Manager

Background
The Hastings Community Association (HCA), incorporated as a non-profit society in 1935, works in partnership with the Vancouver Park Board to provide recreation, social, educational and cultural opportunities in the Hastings-Sunrise area. The HCA’s Learning Garden, located in the neighborhood and home to a diversity of fruit trees, vegetable crops and native plant species, aims to connect the Hastings Sunrise community via strengthening of food and garden skills while supporting Vancouver in becoming a global leader in urban food systems. HCA also runs community-led luncheons and cooking workshops.

The Food & Garden Manager would help the HCA in facilitating garden and food programming to increase capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise community. By the end of their placement, students will be able to engage with and speak comfortably to audiences composed of a diversity of identities, and will have had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in an inclusive leadership role. From problem-solving in a non-profit environment to managing a communal garden to writing high-quality, engaging social media material, this position offers students a unique opportunity to engage with Vancouver’s urban food system.

The Career Development in Land and Food Systems Course aims to engage UBC students with their local food system and create opportunities to experience the working environment of a food sustainability focused organization. Students 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.

Students are expected to enroll in the Career Development in Land and Food Systems course (LFS 496 - 3 credits) twice: once in the Summer semester and once in Winter 1 semester, for a total of 6 credits over two semesters.

Duties
The Food & Garden Manager will work on the following tasks:
- Garden planning & execution: watering, weeding, harvesting, composting, recording and food storage.
- Assist with the delivery of our new weekly “Intergenerational Intercultural Garden-to-Table Gardening, Cooking & Nutrition Workshop Days.”
• Assist with the execution of our “Calorie Crop” plan to help combat food insecurity in the Hastings Sunrise Community (including our partnership with REACH Health Clinic to help disseminate the food to those most in need).

Qualifications
• Must be a UBC student
• Excellent verbal communication skills
• Comfortable using social media
• Ability to work both in a team and individually

Position Details
• May to December 2020
• 9-18 hours per week
• Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate
• This is an unpaid, for-credit placement

How to apply
• Apply by submitting one PDF document combining a cover letter and résumé.
• The cover letter should be maximum 500 words, state which 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: Shayna Huang, seasonsoffoodhcc@gmail.com.
• All applications should clearly refer to “LFS 496 Career Development Course”
• Application deadline: March 15, 2020
• Please no phone calls