LFS 496 Career Development

Growing Chefs!

Position Title: Growing Chefs! Classroom Assistants

Background
Growing Chefs! is a Vancouver-based not-for-profit that runs a classroom gardening and cooking program in elementary schools to connect kids to 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 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.

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 Assistants will work with our staff to coordinate 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 Assistants will gain valuable experience in a not-for-profit environment with both “on the ground” program delivery and “behind the scenes” program coordination, leadership and teaching experience in a classroom environment, meet others interested and working in food education and sustainability, as well as gain experience leading kids through engaging hands-on activities.

Students are expected to enroll in the Career Development Course (LFS 496 - 3 credits) from May to August 2020. At the end of this program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties
The Growing Chefs! Classroom Assistants will work alongside the Growing Chefs! team on the following tasks:
- Assist with program setup administration including recruitment of volunteers, volunteer training, materials coordination and delivery, and administrative duties to help organize our classroom teams and teachers.
Growing Chefs! Classroom Assistant

- 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
- 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
- May to December 2020: 3 credits over one semester (May to August), for a total of 126 hours (or average of 9 hours per week)
- Criminal Record Check required
- Assistants 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 placement.

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 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@growignchefs.ca
- All applications should clearly refer to “LFS 496 Career Development Course”
- Applications deadline March 15, 2020
- Please no phone calls
• More information about the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems and Growing Chefs can be found at ubcfarm.ubc.ca and growingchefs.ca