LFS 496 Career Development

Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

**Position Title:** Organic Farm - Orchard Assistant

**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 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.

Situated within a 90-year-old coastal hemlock forest, the UBC Farm comprises a mosaic of cultivated annual crop fields, perennial hedgerows and orchards, pasture, teaching gardens, and forest stands. The Orchard Assistant will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of farm management tasks including: orchard maintenance, pest management, harvest, record keeping and quality control.

Students are expected to enroll in the Career Development Course (LFS 496) for 3 credits in their respective programs. At the end of the placement, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

**Duties**
The Orchard Assistant(s) will work alongside the UBC Farm team on the following tasks:
- Maintain the orchard site
- Practice pest management activities
- Harvest the 65 varieties of apples
- Collect data related to harvest and grading of apples
- Maintain records of production for the orchard

**Preferred Qualifications**
- UBC student eligible for LFS 496.
- Capable of using Excel to collect and organize data
• Willingness to learn and desire to gain experience
• Ability to work both in a team and individually setting
• Capable to work fast while staying detailed-oriented

Position Details
• This position begins in September 2020 for the winter 1 semester.
• Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate
• Need to be available twice a week for harvest from September to end of October
• 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: Mel Sylvestre, sylvestre.melanie@ubc.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 at UBC Farm can be found at ubcfarm.ubc.ca