LFS 496 Career Development

Cheakamus Centre

Position Title: Garden Coordinator

Background
Established in 1969, Cheakamus Centre is an overnight environmental education facility located on 165 ha of ecological reserve near Squamish, BC. The Centre is owned by the North Vancouver School District and offers a wide variety of experiential environmental and Indigenous cultural programs to children and adults from the Sea to Sky corridor, Metro Vancouver, and beyond. Hands-on learning experiences take place in an extensive network of trails, ancient forests, spawning channels, a teaching hatchery and farm and gardens. Cheakamus Centre also hosts visitors from around the globe for special events, weddings, retreats, conferences, camps, and workshops. Cheakamus Centre also hosts visitors from around the globe for special events, weddings, retreats, conferences, camps, and workshops.

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.

Students are expected to enroll in the Career Development Course (LFS 496 - 6 credits). At the end of the 14-week program, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Potential Duties
Mentored by a Red-Sail Chef, the student will learn hands-on about local sustainable food systems, harvesting and preservation practices, and farm-table sustainable cuisine practices. Through maintaining and harvesting gardens, helping with food processing, liaising with community groups, coordinating community-based food workshops and garden activities, the garden coordinator will develop transferable and vital workplace skills such as problem-solving, research, teamwork, and communications.

COVID-19 Safety Measures
Cheakamus Centre has developed a COVID-19 plan under the guidance of the local health authorities. The Garden Coordinator will be able to work remotely for some duties and physical distancing will be enforced at all time when working onsite in the gardens and teaching kitchen. Community-based food workshops and garden activities will be limited to small groups. If required, some or all workshops will be delivered online depending on the current situation and COVID-19 health regulations.

Position Details
- Starts September 2020
- 3 months at 9 hours per week, 3 months at 18 hours per week
- 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 a 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: Cathy Jenkins, cjenkins@sd44.ca
- All applications should clearly refer to “LFS 496 Career Development Course”