

LFS 496 Career Development



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Land and Food Systems

UBC FARM
Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

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Position Title: Agroforestry 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 Agroforestry Assistant will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of farm and forest management tasks as well develop an understanding of the integration of forest and food production in a sustainable agriculture system.

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 Agroforestry Assistant will work both remotely and in person on the following tasks:

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- Review and fully understand the current forested assets and current management strategies and needs on the UBC Farm site.
- Review and fully understand UBC Farm operations including food cultivation, research, teaching and community programs.
- Review and fully understand education and research activities carried out at the UBC Farm forest in the past and identify new activities that can be carried out in this space.
- Identify and map areas of special interest or potential at the UBC Farm forest to enable community, research and educational activities at the UBC Farm forest
- Facilitate the integration of a minimum of 3 forest management actions with the UBC Farm operations team and the UBC Farm Forest Strategy Committee to facilitate, research, education or community opportunities.
- Identify and engage with multiple stakeholders, including Faculty of Forestry, Indigenous groups, researchers, staff, and community members to identify key aspects to consider for the creation of a community and academic plan for the UBC Farm Forest.
- Research institutional, municipal, provincial and federal regulations associated w urban agroforestry management, including safety and liability considerations.
- Participate in classes that will further the assistant's learning.

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC student eligible for LFS 496
- Interest in small-scale organic agriculture production and urban agroecology
- Farming or forestry experience is an asset
- GIS knowledge for maps creation is an asset
- 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
- Be willing to work online/ remotely

Position Details

- THIS POSITON BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER 2022 FOR WINTER TEARM 1. POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION FOR WINTER TEAM 2 AND ADDITIONAL CREDIT.
- Flexible schedule to be determined with the candidate
- This is an unpaid, for credit placement

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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:** Clare Cullen clare.cullen@ubc.ca
- All applications should clearly refer to "LFS 496 Career Development Course"
- Applications deadline **September 1, 2022**
- Please no phone calls
- More information about the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm can be found at ubcfarm.ubc.ca