

LFS 496 Career Development



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Land and Food Systems

UBC FARM
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Position Title: Urban Farm Hand, City Beet Farm

Background

The CSFS 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) 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

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Urban Farm Hand - City Beet Farm

This position entails learning and engaging with all of the day to day tasks required to operate a small-scale urban farming business.

The student will learn about and assist with field tasks including: bed prep, seeding, transplanting, weeding and harvesting. The position will also include processing vegetables and flowers, market setup, and interacting with customers and community members.

Our learning objectives include gaining knowledge and experience in:

- The operations of a small farm business;
- Technical farming skills (focus on ecological growing practices and farming using hand tools);
- Plant and soil care and maintenance;
- Teamwork and effective communication, and more!

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Applicants, ideally, will have some experience working outdoors in a farm or garden setting, but this is not required. The student will have a keen interest in ecological food production, a good work ethic, and a healthy sense of fun! Given the multi-site nature of our farm, some flexibility and patience is also appreciated.

This placement is in-person, in Vancouver, primarily in Mount Pleasant/Riley Park and in Southlands areas.

Position Details

- This post is for 3 credits (9 hours per week), and up to 2 positions are available.
- THIS POST BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER 2022 FOR WINTER TEAM 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

How to apply

- Apply by submitting one Adobe PDF document combining a cover letter and résumé by email.
- 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: Liana Glass (she/her) c/o info@citybeetfarm.com

- 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