Archway Community Services

Food Justice Research Assistant – LFS 496 W1 Term

Mentor: Vicki Lin
Position Location: 2420 Montrose Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2S 3S9
Hours: Winter Term 1, September-December 2023, 18 hours per week
Credits: 6 credits

Course Background
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 their mentor, 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.

Specific Duties
The Food Justice Research Assistant student will work on the following tasks:

- Research on best practices of community food hubs/networks and implementation based off of research
- Assist in facilitation of community engagement on topics surrounding food security and food justice
- Assist in coordination of food access programming and client engagement
- Research and implementation of improving our food access programming through a food justice lens

Learning Goals
- Students have the opportunity to work with a multi-sectoral agency and build relationships with stakeholders/community partners including Fraser Health, the School District, City of Abbotsford, local social service agencies, local universities, elders across Stó:lō territory and community members.
- Students will also develop a greater understanding of the importance of grassroots work in food justice through community engagement.
Qualifications

- Must be a UBC student intending to register for LFS 496 for Winter Term 1
- Must pass a criminal record check for working with children and vulnerable populations
- Interest in and willingness to learn about urban farming, community education and nonprofits
- Education and/or experience in gardening, farming, ecology, or related fields preferred
- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Able to follow policies and procedures to ensure participant and staff health and safety

How to Apply
Submit a resume and cover letter to vicki.lin@archway.ca.
All applications should clearly refer to the “LFS 496 Career Development Course” when applying.
The cover letter should include an introduction, share why you want this position, and what you hope to gain from the position if accepted. Cover letters should be no more than 500 words.
Application deadline August 15th, 2023.

About Archway Community Services
Archway Community Services (formerly Abbotsford Community Services) is a multi-funded, multiservice non-government and non profit organization providing services to children, parents, seniors, newcomers, those with diverse abilities, addictions, or mental health challenges.
Archway’s programs are designed with the needs and experiences of our client communities in mind, with the goal of meeting them where they are. Collaborating with various partners, Archway's Food Justice program explores food justice and food sovereignty in action. We are working to strengthen the local food system, to identify gaps in services, to provide equitable access to nutritious food for all community members, and continue to develop our Regional Community Food Network (Fraser Valley Food Connections/FVFC) and its goals.
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