City Beet Farm

Urban Farm Hand – LFS 496 W1 Term

Mentor: Liana Glass
Position Location: 543 East 21st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5V 1R5
Hours: Winter Term 1, September-December 2023, 9 or 18 hours per week
Credits: 3 or 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 Urban Farm Hand student will work on the following tasks:

- The student will participate in many aspects and tasks of a small-scale, ecological farm in the fall. These will potentially include crop maintenance, harvesting, processing, interfacing with customers, setting up market displays, and later in the fall preparing the farm to over-winter.
- The student will also have the option of developing an on-farm project in an area of their particular interest.

Learning Goals

- The student will learn many hands-on, technical skills necessary in small-scale, ecological farming. They will also gain insight into the running of a small business. These skills will be transferable into further work in agriculture and in food systems and business more broadly. The student will apply existing knowledge and learn new things about plant biology, soil science, and environmental science, as caring for the soil and crops and their life cycles is integral to our work at City Beet.

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 info@citybeetfarm.com. 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 City Beet Farm
City Beet Farm is a small-scale, multi-site urban farm that grows vegetables and cut-flowers on under-used spaces made up of residential front and backyards in Vancouver, BC. We use ecological farming practices that improve the long-term health of the soil and our community. We sell our produce primarily through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model and pop-up markets. We also partner with local nonprofits to help tackle food-insecurity in our local neighbourhoods. Learn more at https://citybeetfarm.com.