Fresh Roots

Experiential Learning Community Educator – LFS 496 W1 Term

Mentor: Kat Vriesema-Magnuson

Position Location: 5050 Wales St, Vancouver, BC, V5R 3M6

Hours: Winter Term 1, September-December 2023. Option for 9 or 18 hours per week

Note: this placement requires student to work on site from 9am-12am at least 2 days a week (between Tuesday-Friday)

Credits: Option for 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 Experiential Learning Community Educator student will work on the following tasks:

- Facilitating farm field trips for elementary and secondary youth, including leading educational games and discussions, farm work, and harvesting and preparing food.
- Developing new learning activities, educational materials, or other "legacy projects" in line with the student’s interests.
- Limited administrative/computer work to support the Experiential Learning Team.

Learning Goals

- Increase skills in farm-based community education, including public speaking, facilitation, group management, and activity and lesson planning
- Increase knowledge of Fresh Roots's core educational focuses: food and food systems, land and ecology, and community connection and celebration.
- Understand the role of community education in connecting people with food, the land, and their communities
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 kat@freshroots.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 Fresh Roots

Our Vision is Good Food For All, which is realized when youth have the skills, capacity, and will to act as food citizens and land stewards, to grow and share healthy food for themselves, their families, and the planet! To make this vision a reality, we cultivate educational farms and programs where students dig into meaningful connections with the land, food, and each other, inspiring communities to build just food systems. Our program sites include David Thompson and Van Tech Secondaries in Vancouver and Suwałk School in Coquitlam.
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