Kindred Cultures

Research & Development Assistant – LFS 496 W1 Term

Mentor: Lyndsay Scott
Position Location: 123A-8275 92 St, Delta, BC V4B 1G5
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 Research and Development Assistant student will work on the following tasks:
- Assist Production Manager with fermentation and flavour preparation
- Assist manufacturing canning and bottling
- Research, formula testing and lab testing coordination for new product line
- Assist with ingredient sourcing and traceability

Learning Goals
- Research & information gathering - the student will apply research methodologies & information gathering techniques to a focused project and deliver written summaries to the executive team
- Professional Written & Oral Communication: the student will use written and verbal communication skills to professionally and concisely present information on project progress and findings
- Experimental design & progress monitoring: the student will assist the production manager to execute experiments

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 Lyndsay@kindredcultures.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 Kindred Cultures
At Kindred Cultures, we take probiotic-rich water kefir and infuse it with a rainbow of organic, nutrient-rich foods to produce a delicious probiotic beverage that makes your body feel great. Low in sugar, packed with probiotics, infused with the natural goodness of real foods, our Water Kefir drinks are a toast to your health!
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