

Fresh Roots

Fresh Roots Generalist – LFS 496 W2 Term

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

Hours: Winter Term 2, December to April, 2023. Option for 9 or 18 hours per week, please specify in application

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

Credits: 3 or 6 credits (dependant on hours contributed)

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 Fresh Roots Generalist student will work on the following tasks:

- Early season farm tasks, such as seed starting and bed preparation
- Administrative tasks, such as photo organization & data entry
- Supporting educational programs such as classroom workshops
- Creating one or more blog posts or other social media pieces to share their experiences, or other culminating project based on student interests

Learning Goals

- Understand how a small non-profit farm-based organization functions and gain insight into non-profit administration
- Develop/improve skills in using software including spreadsheets, Google Drive, Slack, Canva, etc.
- Understand early season farming needs and develop skills in early season farm tasks
- Understand the impact of farm/food literacy education

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 ops@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 **December 20th, 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 Suwa'lkh School in Coquitlam.

Learn more at <https://freshroots.ca>