Fresh Roots Farm Market Internship (Coquitlam OR Vancouver)

9 or 18 hrs
Position Type: LFS 496 Internship; 9 or 18 hrs / week depending on internship
Location: Suwa’lkh School at Millside Centre in Coquitlam OR Vancouver (South & East)
Duration: May - Sept

About Fresh Roots

Fresh Roots schoolyard farms inspire sustainable, community-centered farming, and place-based experiential learning and youth empowerment. By partnering with schools and school districts, we take under-utilised land and use technology, scientific assessment, and sweat to transform it into farmed food & native plant systems to increase the availability of fresh local food for our neighbours (human and animal alike). We aim to create dynamic inclusive learning spaces for people of all ages, but especially children and youth, to learn about food and the ecological and human systems that support the food we all depend on.

https://freshroots.ca

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Decolonization

Fresh Roots is committed to an ongoing learning journey to better foster an anti-oppression and anti-racist lens throughout our work internally and externally. As settlers, as farmers, and as educators, we acknowledge the harm that farming and schooling has done to Indigenous Peoples and the land across this region. We work towards ongoing reconciliation as listeners, food sharers, and land stewards.

Farming @ Fresh Roots

The Farm team works to centre mentorship and food production in our schoolyard market gardens & markets. What we produce supplies 60 households with veggies for up to 20 weeks, 10 households with flowers, two market stands, and lunches for our youth camps and intern programs (serving hundreds of youth). This season, we’ll be taking a particularly scientific approach to steward our soil biology in order to try to improve the health of our agroecosystem and hopefully bolster production.
The Positions

Suwa’Ilkh Farm Market Internship

9 hrs
○ Help at our schoolyard farm market on Thursdays from 1-8pm (7hrs)
○ Support with Market Administration & Inventory Tracking (2hrs)
○ General Farm Tasks for any hours remaining past August 8th

18 hrs
○ Help at our Coquitlam schoolyard farm market on Thursdays from 1-8pm (7hrs)
○ harvest help wednesdays 8-4 (8hrs)
○ Support with Market Administration & Inventory Tracking, plus some Grant Reporting (3hrs).
○ General Farm Tasks for any hours remaining past August 8th

Vancouver Farm Market Internship

9 hrs
○ Help at our East Vancouver Schoolyard Farm Market on Wednesdays 1-8pm (7hrs)
○ Support with Market Administration & Inventory Tracking (2hrs).
○ driver’s licence preferred

18 hrs
○ Help at our East Vancouver Schoolyard Farm Market on Wednesdays 1-8 (7hrs)
○ harvest help & field work - days are flexible Monday-Friday 8-4 and to be set with the Farm Manager (8hrs)
○ Support with Market Administration & Inventory Tracking, plus some Grant Reporting (3hrs).
○ driver’s licence preferred

Qualifications

Applicants must be enrolled in LFS 496 and motivated to learn about Farm Market Systems. Ideally, applicants for this internship will be enthusiastic about sharing what they learn with our SOYL Youth Interns. We welcome applications from folks with any level of experience; what’s most important is a dedication to the program and willingness to learn.
To apply please send an email to: Camille Flanjak camille@freshroots.ca with a short cover letter (500 words maximum). Please specify if you are Applying for the Vancouver or the Coquitlam role, these are 2 different positions. Include