

## Urban Farm Hand - City Beet Farm

### Urban Farm Hand – LFS 496 Summer Term 2023

**Mentor:** Liana Glass

**Position Location:** Vancouver, BC

**Hours:** 3 months at 9 hours per week. Starting May 2024

**Credits:** 3 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.

#### Position Details

The farm hand will be involved in many aspects of the farm. Their primary tasks will focus on planting, both transplanting and direct seeding, crops including tasks to prepare beds for planting. In June, tasks will shift to be focused mostly on harvesting, bunching, washing and packing vegetables for our weekly share and community partnerships. Occasional tasks such as assembling small structures might also occur. All tasks involve working as part of a small team. In addition, City Beet will work with the successful applicant to develop a work plan that includes tasks over and above practical food growing experience, in alignment with both the applicant's and City Beet's interests and needs. This may include but are not limited to projects related to: soil analysis, experiential education, crop planning, marketing/communication, sales, etc.

#### Learning Goals

The Urban Farm Hand student will learn and develop skills in the following areas, and more:

- technical skills in small-scale, regenerative agriculture
- increased knowledge of and skills in the operation of a small-scale farm business
- communication and teamwork skills
- knowledge of ecological systems, particularly as they apply to agriculture but applicable to other environmental fields as well

#### Qualifications

- Must be a UBC student intending to register for LFS 496 for Summer 2023 term
- 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 non-profits
- 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.

## **About City Beet Farm**

City Beet Farm is a small-scale, multi-site urban farm established in 2013. We grow vegetables and cut-flowers on 12 sites made up of residential front- and backyards located in the Mount Pleasant, Riley Park, and Southlands neighbourhoods of Vancouver, using hand tools and ecological farming practices that improve the long-term health of the soil. We sell our produce and flowers primarily through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model.

Learn more at <https://citybeetfarm.com>.