Student Internship

Faculty of Land and Food Systems

Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm

Position Title – Agroforestry Intern

Background
The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm operates a 24-ha sustainable farm used for teaching, research, and community programming on UBC’s Point Grey Campus. This student-driven, organic farm provides experiential education in all aspects of small-scale sustainable farm management.

The UBC Farm student internship aims to engage UBC students with their local food system and create opportunities to experience the working environment of a student driven organization. Student interns will work alongside UBC Farm staff to increase their understanding and knowledge of the research, development and establishment of agroforestry systems to inform practical applications on UBC’s mixed farm and forest landscape.

Interns are expected to enroll in a directed studies course for either 3 or 6 credits in Applied Biology or Food and Resource Economics, LFS or Forestry. Each intern will have the opportunity to take on an independent project to be overseen by a staff member, which will also be the focus of their own directed studies research. Possible areas of focus are: hedgerow establishment and maintenance, business planning for agroforestry, operational guidelines for agroforestry products of interest, alley cropping, silvopasture, forest farm demonstration and small woodlot management. Additional topics of focus are welcome for consideration. At the end of this 14-week program interns will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC degree.

Duties:
- Research
- Business planning and Fund development
- Outreach
- Site preparation/field work
- Hedgerow maintenance
- Perennial crop establishment and maintenance

Preferred Qualifications:
- UBC student eligible for directed studies credit (you must not have already completed 12 credits of directed studies).
- Physically fit to work outdoors in all conditions
- Willingness to learn
- Independent and able to show initiative
- Flexibility and willingness to work on a variety of projects at the same time
- Ability to work both in a team and individual setting
- Interest in forest landscapes and plant I.D skills an advantage
Salary:
• This is an unpaid internship.

Position Details:
• Part-time 10-15 hours/week May-August (hours are dependent on number of course credits taken)
• Schedules are somewhat flexible and will be coordinated upon acceptance of the position

How to apply:
Along with your resume please write a brief letter (max. 500 words) outlining the following:
• Which internship position you are applying for: Agroforestry
• Why you would like to do an internship at the UBC Farm
• What you hope to gain from such an experience or how you feel this experience would contribute to your overall learning and education at UBC
• Specific interests or areas that you would like to learn more about (e.g. business planning, crop establishment)

Email:
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• Acceptable formats include text (within the body of the email), Microsoft Word 2007 or earlier, or Adobe PDF

• All applications should clearly refer to “Summer Student Internship”

• Applications must be received no later than Sunday, March 3rd, 2013

• Please no phone calls

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply. The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems will give priority to current students and individuals who have demonstrated commitment through volunteer service at the Farm.

More information about the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm can be found at: www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm