

# SOYL Program Assistant

Application Deadline: May 1, 2017



## Good Food For All

Everyone should have access to healthy food, soil, and community. We enact this vision by cultivating engaging gardens and programs that catalyze healthy eating, ecological stewardship, and community celebration. Fresh Roots stewards two ¼ acre market gardens on school grounds in the heart of East and South Vancouver. Our fields produce good food for the community, serve as hands-on outdoor classrooms and empower youth through vocational skills development. At the core of this youth empowerment work is the SOYL program, where we hire 30 high school youth each summer to grow themselves and good food.

## The Position

The SOYL Program Assistant is a full time seasonal position funded through Canada Summer Jobs. As part of the SOYL program team, you'll assist with multiple aspects of making this unique summer leadership and employment program a success: mentoring youth as they learn to grow, cook, sell, process, and explore good food. You will play a key role in managing the logistics of our weekly community meals, support program documentation (record-keeping, admin) and help share the story of SOYL through blogging and social media. If you're passionate about cultivating personal growth and community leadership with youth through farming, this could be the job for you!

## Required Qualifications

- Must meet [Canada Summer Jobs Requirements](#).
- Experience working with youth as a camp counsellor or similar position
- Physically fit and happy to work outdoors in all conditions
- Strong organizational capacity and attention to detail
- Have a valid class 5 driver's license and comfortable driving a vehicle
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrates respect and empathy for all
- Comfortable with event planning, logistics and balancing multiple priorities
- Interest and knowledge of social media/blogging
- Able to work with a team and independently
- Have a smart phone and access to a computer
- Able to pass a criminal background check
- Passion for empowering youth to grow themselves and good food!

## Key Details

- 40 hours / week; May 15 – August 25
- \$13.94 - \$15.00/hr, based on funding

## How to Apply

E-mail a short cover letter (500 words) and resume (in **one** document) to [jobs@freshroots.ca](mailto:jobs@freshroots.ca) with your name and the name of the job position in the subject. Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2017. Review of applications and interviews will begin immediately upon reception. We regret that due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

