

Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society

Position Title – Youth Internship Coordinator

Application Deadline: April 22nd, 2015

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 ½ acre schoolyard market gardens on school grounds in the heart of East and South Vancouver. The food we grow is eaten in local school cafeterias, various Neighbourhood House food security initiatives, and by neighbours. Our fields are hands-on learning classrooms; engaging school communities and residents of Vancouver in addressing food security, community health, and vocational skills development.

The Position

The Youth Internship Coordinator will develop and activate summer curriculum for secondary school students. The coordinator will work closely with the Program Manager to build innovative programs to prepare secondary school youth for leadership in their community, employment, and furthering students food literacy skills. The program will focus on the following three areas:

Update Leadership Curriculum

- In partnership with the Program Manager, update lesson plans for youth 10-week internship program which will include growing food, cooking, and food processing.
- Schedule field trips for secondary school youth.
- Coordinate meetings and interviews with community partners and food systems leaders.
- Prepare materials for secondary school youth.

Supervise secondary school youth interns:

- Accompany youth through 10-week internship program.
- Supervise youth garden work, food processing, and cooking.
- Provide direct instruction of agricultural and ecological conservation concepts and skills.
- Support development of secondary school youth leadership skills.
- Mentor youth to plan for school year gardens (opportunity for independent study with on-going mentorship project through the school year).
- Communicating with parents, as needed.
- Documenting daily activities and group dynamics.

Host Community Food Celebrations

- Work with youth to design and host Harvest Celebration.
- Assist with annual long table dinner.
- Design and promote three community potlucks.



Required Qualification

This is a Canada Summer Jobs position, candidates must be between 15 – 30 years of age, be registered as a full time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full time basis in the next academic year. In addition, candidates must have/be:

- Experience in program or curriculum development
- Experience working with adolescent youth
- Physically fit to work outdoors in all conditions
- Willing to learn and have a desire to gain hands-on experience
- Familiar with small-scale agricultural production
- Able to communicate with diplomacy and respect with people of all cultures, ages, and backgrounds
- Familiarity with, and commitment to, the vision and mission of Fresh Roots
- First Aid Certification
- Food or Market Safe Certification
- Subject to a criminal record check
- Driver's Licence

Position Details

This position is contingent upon funding through Canada Summer Jobs.

- Begins May 4th;
- Ends August 28th
- \$16.10/hr - 40 hrs/week

How to Apply

E-mail a short cover letter (500 words) and resume (in **one** document) to marc@freshroots.ca with your name and the name of the job position in the subject.

Your cover letter should address the following:

- Why you are interested in the position.
- Any experiences you have that support your application (i.e. curriculum development, etc.)
- Why you would like this position at Fresh Roots
- What you hope to gain from such an experience or how you feel this experience would contribute to your overall learning and education
- Specific interests or areas that you would like to learn more about

Applications must be received no later than April 22nd. 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.

Fresh Roots hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply.

