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## Schoolyard Farm Intern Vancouver, BC

**Application Deadline:** February 22, 2015

**Start Date:** March 16, 2015

**End Date:** October 30, 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 three ¼ 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

**Looking to take your first steps into the world of urban agriculture?**

This volunteer opportunity allows participants to take part in growing and harvesting food on a community engaged farm. Our innovative Schoolyard Farms, the first of their kind in Canada, provide an opportunity to interact with a diversity of individuals through food. Interns will gain hands-on experience in harvesting produce, field preparation, and crop maintenance under the supervision of our Farm Manager. As interns become skilled they will be empowered to act as leaders for volunteers and students on the farm.

We are seeking four Schoolyard Farm Interns to join our team for the 2015 growing season.

### Learning Opportunities

- Harvest, process, and package produce for a variety of distribution channels
- Crop maintenance: transplant, thin, weed, and manage pests
- Field preparation: bed amendment, bed creation, and season extension
- Engage and lead community members, students, and drop-in volunteers



## Schedule

- March 16, 2015 – October 30, 2015
- Two, 5 hour shifts per week (Mon-Fri) with opportunities for more shifts depending on interest
- Scheduled activities vary depending on the time of year and day of the week

## Equipment Needed

- Rain gear
- Rubber boots
- Water bottle



## We are seeking individuals who:

- are eager to learn the basics of growing and harvesting food on a community-engaged farm
- are excited to make a positive impact in their community
- have a desire to work hard in all types of weather
- are able to take direction and act as a leader to carry out specific tasks
- are team players with a sense of humour and patience
- practice good communication skills
- are physically fit and able to carry out a variety of tasks that involve bending, squatting, and lifting
- will pass a criminal record check

## HOW TO APPLY

Please email a cover letter that outlines why you are interested in volunteering with Fresh Roots and a resume with relevant experience to Scott Bell at [scott@freshroots.ca](mailto:scott@freshroots.ca).

Due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.