



Schoolyard Farm SOYL Facilitator – Vancouver, Suwa’lkh, and Farm Roots Editions

Location: South and East Vancouver, Coquitlam, or Delta, BC

Application Deadline: November 23, 2018 **Deadline Extended**

Good Food for All

Everyone should have access to healthy food, soil, and community. Fresh Roots enacts this vision by cultivating engaging gardens and programs that catalyze healthy eating, ecological stewardship, and community celebration. Fresh Roots stewards 1/2-acre market gardens on school grounds across the lower mainland. Its fields produce good food for the community, empower youth through vocational skills development, and serve as hands-on outdoor classrooms for over 5000 students each year.

Fresh Roots’ Vancouver, Suwa’lkh, and Farm Roots SOYL programs hire diverse high school youth each summer to grow themselves and good food. Over the course of this unique summer leadership and employment program, youth gain skills in growing, cooking and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community and their local food system.

The Position

As a SOYL facilitator, you’ll work as a team to inspire and engage youth by supporting youth recruitment and selection, developing program activities, assisting with logistics and communication and delivering the program itself. If you’re passionate about working with teens and cultivating personal growth and community leadership through farming, this could be the job for you!

Internship credit is available through UBC’s Career Development Internship course (LFS 496) for 6 credits, a UBC directed studies program, or Kwantlen’s AGRI 4295. At the end of the 14 week, 252 hour internship, students will be eligible to receive course credit towards their UBC or Kwantlen degree. Receiving credit is not a requirement of the internship program. **This position will continue as a paid Canada Summer Jobs position for May through August.**

The Editions

Vancouver

The original home of SOYL, our Vancouver program hires around 30 youth each summer from around Vancouver. The action happens on our schoolyard farms in East and South Vancouver, and at Vancouver Farmer’s markets. Learn more at freshroots.ca/SOYL.

Suwa’lkh

Our newest edition, the SOYL @ Suwa’lkh program hires 15 high school youth each summer to grow themselves and good food. SOYL @ Suwa’lkh works closely with indigenous youth to re-indigenize the school food system: learning about traditional medicines; stewarding a 7-acre forest; and supporting youth to build capacity and learning experientially. Indigenous students are strongly encouraged to apply. Learn more about our partnership with Suwa’lkh at freshroots.ca/suwalkh

Farm Roots

In its second year, the SOYL@ Farm Roots program will work primarily with our sites in Delta in partnership with Farm Roots. Learn more at: freshroots.ca/farmroots/





Qualifications

- To receive internship credit you must be a UBC student eligible for LFS 496 or directed studies or a Kwantlen student eligible for AGRI 4295
- Must meet [Canada Summer Jobs Requirements](#) and be able to continue full-time in the summer
- Passion for empowering youth through outdoor and/or environmental education
- Experience working with youth as a camp counsellor or similar position
- Experience working with youth with complex learning and life challenges strongly preferred
- Strong organizational capacity & attention to detail
- Confident in event planning and managing complex logistics
- Demonstrate respect and empathy for all
- Physically able and happy to work outdoors in all conditions for up to 8 hours a day
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Able to work with a team and independently
- Must have a valid class 5 driver's license and be comfortable driving a vehicle
- Able to pass a criminal record check

Key Details

- UBC Credit option, 6 credits, LFS 496
- Kwantlen credit option: 3 credits, AGRI 4295
- This is a 252 hour internship from March through mid-May. Hours per month will break down roughly as follows:
 - January: 25 hours
 - February: 30 hours
 - March: 50 hours
 - April: 70 hours
 - May: 80 hours
- If hired for summer, position will transition to paid, 40 hours per week in May. Pay rate DOE, but not less than \$15.00/hour.

How to Apply

E-mail a short cover letter (500 words) and resume (in one document) to jobs@freshroots.ca with your name, the name of the position, and desired edition(s) in the subject. Applications must be received no later than November 15, 2018. We regret that due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

