



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

**Location:** South and East Vancouver, Coquitlam, or Delta, B.C.

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis

## 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!

This is a combination of an unpaid, 252-hour internship with credit available through UBC, Kwantlen, and some other universities, and a paid, 16-week full-time position through Canada Summer Jobs. Internship hours will be worked March-May and September-November. Paid hours will be mid-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](https://freshroots.ca/SOYL).

### Suwa’lkh (Coquitlam)

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; 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](https://freshroots.ca/suwalkh)

### Farm Roots (Delta)

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/](https://freshroots.ca/farmroots/)



## Qualifications

- 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 (Rain or shine!)
- 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
- 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

## Key Details

- This is a 252 hour unpaid, for credit internship over two semesters: January to May and September to November. Hours per month will break down roughly as follows:
  - March-May: 125 hours
  - September-November: 125 hours
- The position will transition to paid, 40 hours per week for mid-May through August. 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](mailto:jobs@freshroots.ca) with your name, the name of the position, and desired edition(s) in the subject. Applications should be submitted ASAP and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We regret that due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.