



Institute for Sustainable Food Systems

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at Kwantlen Polytechnic University is currently seeking applicants for the position of *Farm Hand- Tsawwassen Farm School*.

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) is a research and extension unit at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU)-- Richmond campus. Through our integrated program of applied research, extension programming, and community engagement, we investigate and support regional food systems as a key element of sustainable communities. We focus predominantly on British Columbia but also extend our programming to other regions. More information available at www.kpu.ca/isfs.

The Tsawwassen Farm School

The Tsawwassen Farm School is a collaboration between the Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) and the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS). The first of its kind, the school fuses sustainable agriculture and traditional Indigenous food ways as tools to build community and create dialogue around land stewardship. The school program is open to anyone curious about the practice of farming to feed a growing population, in ways that restore the land and nurture Mother Earth. The program curriculum takes place on a 20 acre certified organic farm on traditional TFN land. The farm produces mixed vegetables, fruits and raises livestock (pigs and chickens) in an ecologically sound, integrated production system. The Tsawwassen Farm School is a gathering place to raise awareness around human scaled, community focused, alternative food production. The farm reflects aspects of Indigenous food ways through having a traditional medicinal garden, building a smokehouse, organizing feasts on the farm and inviting knowledge keepers to share wisdom and stories with our students. More information is available at <http://www.kpu.ca/tfnfarm>.

Location of the farm is 4990 28th ave. Delta.

Position Description: Farm Hand– Tsawwassen Farm School

Wage: \$15-17/ hour (based on experience)

Hours: 35-40 per week

Contract: Casual Service Contract, May 1st, 2019 to October 31st, 2019 (End date negotiable)

Supervisor: Dr. Kent Mullinix (ISFS Director), Micheal Robinson (Farm Manager)

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist the Farm Manager and the team in executing the farm operation plan for the season
- Participate in all farm operations from seed planting, to weeding, to harvesting, to selling
- Participate in the preparation of produce going to Farmers Markets, CSA, and restaurants
- Assist with going to Farmers Markets, doing deliveries of CSA
- Follow the farm's integrated pest management and certified organic growing practices
- Assist with feeding, cleaning and moving of the farm animals on pasture – pigs and chickens
- Participate in the events, feasts, volunteer days hosted by Tsawwassen Farm School
- Assist the Practicum Instructor on field work days with the students when needed
- Perform farm tasks with the use of farm tools and machinery as needed
- Be knowledgeable in the farm school program and farm products to help with promotion and answering of customer inquiries

Qualifications, Skills & Experience

The successful applicant for this position must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years old
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent residents
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number and be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions for long hours
- Have the ability to work independently and as a team member
- Respectfully interact and communicate with staff, students and the public
- Have an interest in working with a diversity of people

The following will be considered assets:

- Have a Class 5 driver's license
- Be able to work some weekends
- Have some farming experience

To **apply** for this position, please submit your resume to
Caroline Chiu (Program Manager) at caroline.chiu@kpu.ca
Micheal Robinson (Farm Manager) at micheal.robinson@kpu.ca
Application will be open until position is filled.