

Job Title: Student Extension Assistant

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) is seeking a five-month (May-September) part-time extension assistant to support the creation of a short series of agricultural extension videos.

About ISFS

ISFS is an applied research and extension unit at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). We investigate and support regional food systems as key elements of sustainable communities, focusing predominantly on British Columbia but also extending our programming to other regions. Our applied research focuses on the potential of regional food systems in terms of agriculture and food, economics, community health, policy, and environmental integrity. Our extension programming provides information and support for farmers, communities, business, policy makers, and others. Community collaboration is central to our approach. More about us and our work is at www.kpu.ca/isfs

Project Description

Agricultural extension is 'informal education' programming to facilitate the application of new knowledge developed through applied research. It plays an important role in improving farming operations, community food security, and strengthening the link between universities and communities. Increasingly, extension services are offered online to reach a wider audience regardless of their locations. The Institute for Sustainable Food System (ISFS) will produce two educational video series to provide extension services to regenerative small-scale farmers and community as a whole. The first video series focuses on organic farming practices at the Tsawwassen First Nation farm school. The second focuses on nutrition, health, and the use of local vegetables. These video series will be open access resources and a vehicle to engage farmers and communities with the ISFS and KPU. Additionally, they can be used as teaching and learning resources within the KPU communities.

Position Overview

- Contract: 80 hours over the course of approximately five months (Flexible working hours)
- Salary: \$15.20/hour
- Position start date: May 10th, 2021
- Application deadline: April 30th, 2021
- Location: Remote, work from home, some filming dates at Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School

Responsibilities and Tasks

The primary responsibility of the student assistant will be to support the creation of the short video series through assistance in filming and editing.

Key tasks on this project include:

- Coming to filming days at the Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School
- Helping set up video shots and record audio
- Compiling and editing the short films

Qualifications, Skills and Experience

The successful applicant for this position must:

- Current KPU student
- Be able to get themselves to the Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School
- Have experience filming and editing short videos
- Have access to a home office and equipment (personal computer, internet)

The following will be considered assets:

- Significant filming and editing experience
- Interest in or understanding of organic production techniques

To Apply

Please submit your cover letter and resume Micheal Robinson (Research Associate, ISFS) at micheal.robinson@kpu.ca. Please use the subject line: *Extension Assistant – Video Series*

Application deadline: April 30th, 2021