

Urban Farming Assistant *Internal/External Job Posting*

SUMMARY OF POSITION

Gordon Neighbourhood House is an equal opportunity employer. Respect for the dignity and worth of every individual in the workplace is fundamental. Our organizational values are anchored in the importance of diversity, fairness and trust.

The Urban Farming Assistant will primarily be responsible for maintaining three urban farm sites and running an affordable produce market in Vancouver's West End. This position is guided by Gordon Neighbourhood House's Food Philosophy (viewable on our website).

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with planting, garden maintenance, watering, composting for Urban Farm program and Community Herb Box program
- Lead weekly garden session with kids in Summer Day Camp in collaboration with Camp staff members
- Transport and prepare harvests for use in a variety of programs, including Community Lunches and produce market (in collaboration with Chef and Farmer)
- Coordinate Gordon Greens Mobile Produce Market (ordering, biking, selling produce)
- Support the Farmers Market Coupon Program at the West End Farmers Market
- Assist with research on food related grants
- Support Gordon Neighbourhood House's other Community Food initiatives as directed
- Build relationships and welcome members (which include a high proportion of vulnerable populations experiencing poverty, food insecurity and isolation) with dignity and respect.

ELIGIBILITY

Funding for this position is provided by the federal Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program. To qualify for this position, individuals must be eligible to participate in the CSJ and:

- Be between 15 and 30 years at the start of employment
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act 6 (foreign students are not eligible)
- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations

QUALIFICATIONS & WORK CONDITIONS

- Enthusiastic, friendly, reliable person with strong interpersonal skills.
- Able to work and communicate effectively with volunteers, staff and vulnerable populations. Able to work on a team and independently with minimal supervision.
- Passion for food and interest in growing food and local food systems.
- Preferably available in July and August, as well as some evenings and weekends.
- Can handle some physical labour, long periods of standing and some heavy lifting.

Term: 8 weeks, 35 hours/week

Wage: \$15.62/hour + 4% in lieu of vacation pay.

Deadline to Apply: Friday May 31, 2019 (end of day).

Please email your cover letter and resume to Joey Liu (she/her/hers) at joey@gordonhouse.org, and include 'Urban Farming Assistant' in the subject line.

Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.
We thank all that apply but only those short-listed will be contacted.