

Farmers on 57th | Assistant Urban Farmer & Education Program Coordinator
Vancouver, BC

Name of Organization: Farmers on 57th

Location: Main location at 57th @ Heather St.; second satellite location at 7710 Nanaimo St.

Start & End Date: Late May through August (flexible)

Hours offered: 20.5 hours per week for 14 weeks, for a total of 286 hours.

Compensation: \$15.20/ hour + vacation pay.

This is a Canada Summer job posting, so the successful applicant must

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations

The Position

As one of our 2021 Canada Summer Jobs youth employees, you play an important supportive role to our programs, in particular our CSA and Growing Eden programs. You get to experience the productive, therapeutic and educational components of this thriving community farm! It is a wonderful way to spend a summer.

- Assist Growing Eden Program Co-ordinator with developing and delivering educational programs for children and youth including low-income & refugee families. Duties include assisting child and youth participants in all aspects of vegetable growing and harvesting, and providing hospitality to program participants.
- Train, supervise and communicate with volunteers and assist with market garden duties including all aspects of vegetable growing, composting, harvesting and processing weekly harvest, record keeping, communications and providing service and hospitality to CSA shareholders, people living with disabilities, children and youth visiting the market garden.
- Plan weekly hosting activities & invite CSA shareholder families to engage with the farm landscape in a way that fosters community and connection to life, soil & plants.
- Post weekly to social media (Instagram and/or Facebook) about Farmers on 57th programs which include a market garden, a wheelchair accessible gardening program, and a garden for refugees, newcomers and low-income families.
- Contribute to the development of and abide by Social Media guidelines for Farmers on 57th.
- Identify native perennial plant species at the garden, label them and initiate design of educational signage to highlight them.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary degree or equivalent experience in education, agriculture, ecology or related fields preferred
- Experience working with kids from diverse backgrounds, outdoors
- Passion for farm, environmental and/or food systems education
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Organized with good attention to detail; able to prioritize tasks
- Able to work independently and in a team setting
- Comfortable using and learning new technology, including Google Suite
- Physically able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather for up to 8.5 hours in one day
- Able to work remotely from home or another suitable location, and to travel between locations by own means (bike, vehicle or transit)
- Able to pass a criminal record check
- Must meet Canada Summer Jobs Requirements

Key Details

- Pay rate \$15.20 per hour plus 4% vacation pay
- 286 hours from late May through August (flexible start & end dates)
 - Requisite field shifts:
 - Tuesdays 10am-6:30pm, split between main & satellite locations
 - Wednesdays 8:45am-3:15pm, main site
 - Saturday or Sunday 9:45am-2:15pm, main site
 - Expected remote work hours: 1 hour per week

How to Apply

Submit a short cover letter (500 words) and resume to the Market Garden Manager, karen@farmerson57th.ca. Review of applications will be on an ongoing basis until the right candidate is selected. Subsequent to their interview, candidates will be asked to provide 2 references who can speak to their work with kids.

Farmers on 57th is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from underrepresented groups. Due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

About Farmers on 57th

Farmers on 57th is a therapeutic & educational urban farm on the grounds of George Pearson Centre, a long-term care facility for people with disabilities in Vancouver, BC. Since 2009, Farmers on 57th has grown into a thriving 70 family CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) market garden, offering courses, garden plots and guided visits to the public. We also run a weekly enabling garden program for Pearson residents, allowing those living with disabilities to grow, harvest and enjoy their own-grown food and flowers. And in our satellite garden in Southeast Vancouver (adjacent to the South Vancouver Family Place) we run a summer garden-based program for newcomer/refugee mothers and their young children called Growing Eden. We are listed as an example of best practice by the City of Vancouver. www.farmerson57th.ca

Thank you!