

2023 LEAD FIELD ASSISTANT JOB POSTING THE SHARING FARM SOCIETY, RICHMOND B.C.

We are looking for two experienced Lead Field Assistants to work on our urban community farm.

Background

The Sharing Farm is a unique community farm combining the practice of sustainable farming set within a framework of food justice and food security in the region. We are a not-for-profit organization that grows produce on donated city lands for the Richmond Food Bank and other community agencies. We also sell our produce via a CSA (community supported agriculture) program, a Farm Stand, an online store, farmers markets and our annual Richmond Garlic Fest.

The Sharing Farm is located on the south bank of the Fraser River, on the unceded territory of the Musqueam people. The four-acre farm is situated within Richmond's Terra Nova Rural Park, located at the west end of Westminster Highway, alongside the West Dyke, in Richmond BC. It is accessible by bus, skytrain, car, or bicycle.

For more information about the Sharing Farm please visit www.sharingfarm.ca

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with field preparation, crop maintenance, site maintenance, irrigation, crop harvest, and post-harvest handling
- Supervise Field Assistants

- Keep farm and storage areas organized and tidy
- Assist running Farm Stand and an online store
- Assist with preparation and running of Richmond Garlic Fest
- Report to the Farm Manager

Qualifications:

- Minimum one season of farming/agricultural experience
- Be self-motivated, flexible, willing to take initiative, work well independently and in a team environment, have a positive attitude
- Strong work ethic, communication and interpersonal skills
- Physical and mental endurance (repetitive tasks, standing, kneeling, bending, some heavy lifting up to 20kg)
- Reliable, punctual, works well with others
- Valid driver's license

Compensation and Work Hours

Compensation: Depending on experience and/or skills, \$21-\$23 per hour, plus access to Farm produce, and 4% vacation on top of pay. Five days of paid Sick Leave after 90 days of employment; after 150 days of employment, one additional day of Sick Leave is accumulated per month. Thanksgiving is a paid holiday.

Days: 4 days per week - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Hours: 30-45 hours/ week, averaging 35/week, depending on weather and seasonal demands.

Required work for annual Garlic Fest, weekend of Aug 19&20.

Additional weekend work: one Saturday or Sunday every 5 weeks in July and August.

Contract Length: We are hiring one person for 22 weeks (starting May 29) and one person for 25 weeks (starting May 8.)

Application deadline: March 19, 2023.

Please submit resume and a cover letter to:

admin@sharingfarm.ca