

**Job Title: Market Garden Assistant** 

#### Main Tasks:

This position provides support to the BCCF Market Garden in all areas of field, marketing and administrative work. All work will support the management of 3 acres, which includes 1 acre of certified organic vegetable production for a 75 member CSA, an on-site farm store, additional sales channels, and regular on-farm events.

# **Detailed Job Description (duties include, but are not limited to):**

# **Marketing and Administration**

- Assist with market garden transactions and financial record keeping: create and send invoices, process payments, track expenses, submit monthly bookkeeping documentation to FoodShare.
- Design and distribute marketing materials, conduct community outreach.
- Create and send out weekly communication materials for CSA members, and respond to member inquiries.
- Organize market garden social events for CSA members.

## **Vegetable Field Work, Distribution and Sales**

- Assist with seeding, planting, weeding, harvesting, post-harvest washing and processing, and storage of vegetable crops.
- Help maintain field areas not in production this season, as well as maintain the working order of other work areas such as the tool storage, wash station, walk-in cooler, and farm store.
- Operate a weekly on-farm CSA pick up, including set up / take down of vegetable displays and helping CSA members, and assist with produce bagging for off-site deliveries.
- Help operate and stock the on-site farm store on a daily basis.

### **Additional Duties**

- Help coordinate the market garden volunteer program and lead volunteers once a week.
- Provide occasional support to other BCCF program areas, and share site and office housekeeping responsibilities with other BCCF staff.
- Support BCCF all-farm special events such as annual farm festival (approximately once a month).
- Other duties as assigned.

#### Qualifications:

- Strong coordination, administration and marketing experience.
- Food growing experience in a market garden context is preferred, but candidates with strong gardening or other horticulture related experience will be considered.
- Strong attention to detail, ability to follow instructions, ability to multi-task.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Good organizational and time management skills.
- Knowledge of, and experience working with, diverse communities.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- A valid Ontario Driver's License is an asset.

### Job Requirements:

The position involves/requires:

- Physical work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Manual dexterity, repetitive bending, kneeling and lifting (up to 25 lbs).
- A large amount of standing and/or walking.

Reports to: Assistant Farm Manager

Location(s) of Position: Black Creek Community Farm, 4929 Jane Street

Salary: \$16.95 per hour

Anticipated Start date: June 3, 2019.

**End date:** September 13, 2019 **Hours:** up to 37.5 hours per week

**TO APPLY**: Please submit your cover letter and resume to <a href="https://example.com/Hiring@blackcreekfarm.ca">Hiring@blackcreekfarm.ca</a>. Please apply by May 22, 2019.

#### Please note:

BCCF is a member of FoodShare Toronto's Supportive Partnerships Platform - staff hired for this position will be employed by FoodShare Toronto, and their work location will be Black Creek Community Farm.

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Please note that only candidates selected to move forward in the hiring process will be contacted.