

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Farm & Orchard Assistant

ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY:

LifeCycles is a charitable society working to cultivate community health by connecting people with the food they eat and the land it comes from. We support the region in growing, accessing and eating local food in ways that foster biodiversity and enhance our urban environment. Learn more about our work at lifecyclesproject.ca

For 25 years, LifeCycles' Growing Schools program has been sowing seeds with children and youth and transforming school grounds into biodiverse outdoor classrooms. Through our programs, we aim to empower students and teachers to participate in their local food systems and build a deeper relationship with the natural world. LifeCycles also operates a community orchard and educational site at the Welland Legacy Park in View Royal. These programs are an ideal way to bring communities together to share knowledge, enhance food literacy, and connect people to the land. The Farm & Orchard Assistant will be involved in supporting these activities.

Applicants must be eligible under Canada Summer Jobs guidelines. Applicants must be between 15 - 30 years old, and be Permanent Residents / Canadian Citizens.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with farm and orchard maintenance at three locations
- The position will primarily involve outdoor work and will require the ability to lift 20-30 lbs as well as climb stairs, walk, kneel, or squat, bend, and shovel.
- Orchard tasks will include:
 - General maintenance work (moving bricks, hauling soil, etc.)
 - Weeding (lots and lots of weeding)
 - Irrigation maintenance
 - Fruit thinning & setting codling moth traps/ bands
 - Orchard inspections (checking for newly broken branches, diseased, dying, stressed trees, weeds taking over, correctly identifying weeds versus intentional plants, etc)
 - Assisting with organizing workshop events
- Micro-Farm tasks will include:
 - Harvesting vegetables & preparing produce for distribution
 - Weeding & plant care
 - General site maintenance tasks, as required

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team
- Able to complete multi-step directions
- Strong organizational skills for keeping track of instructions and schedules
- Able to reliably commute to the various work sites as listed above, and open to working some weekends
- Knowledge and experience or interest in gardening, farming, agriculture, horticulture, or a similar field, open to learning
- Well-organized, able to prioritize tasks, flexible to changing work schedules, and able to meet deadlines
- Willing to work hard for the satisfaction of a job well done in all weather conditions

POSITION DETAILS

Approximate start date: **End of June - beginning of July, 2022**

Approximate hours/week: **30 hrs/week for 8-10 weeks**

Wage: **\$19.5 / hour**

Work Conditions: Outdoors at [Welland Legacy Park](#) Community Orchard, [Marigold Elementary School](#) Micro-Farm, and [Claremont Secondary School](#) Micro-Farm. All work will be conducted in adherence to current Public Health Orders and COVID-19 Safety Protocols.

This position is dependent on funding from Canada Summer Jobs.

All work will be conducted with adherence to current COVID-19 safety protocols.

Send applications by email to info@lifecyclesproject.ca by April 19th

Please email your application materials (resume and cover letter, ideally as one pdf with the subject line: "Farm & Orchard Assistant"

****Please include your last name in the filename(s) of your application materials.****

LifeCycles Project Society is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage women, people of Indigenous ancestry, people of colour, LGBTQQIP2SA individuals and members of other diverse communities to apply for careers with our organization. LifeCycles runs programs on unceded Coast Salish Territories, specifically of the Lekwungen and W_SÁNEC peoples.

We thank everyone for their interest, but only those selected for interviews will be contacted.