

Sowing Seeds: UBC Farm Organic Agriculture Apprenticeship

The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm is excited to offer Sowing Seeds: a new, hands-on, season-long apprenticeship-style course in Organic Agriculture hosted at the UBC Farm, starting mid March 2008.

What? The Sowing Seeds Apprenticeship:

This part-time (approx 20 hrs/wk) eight-month apprenticeship offers instruction and daily work experience in small-scale organic farming. In a balanced, hands-on learning approach, students work alongside staff in the greenhouse, gardens, fields, and orchards, as well as attend talks and workshops, demonstrations, and field trips. The program is designed as an entry point for aspiring growers, educators, and agricultural professionals.

Apprentices can come from all backgrounds and are expected to be passionate about pursuing a career in the organic agriculture sector. A certificate of completion will be issued to graduates who complete the program satisfactorily. This is a non-credit course. UBC students who participate in the program, however, have many opportunities to apply their on-farm experience towards directed studies credits in the Agro-ecology program.

Where? The UBC Farm:

Located at the southern end of the University of British Columbia's Vancouver campus, on the traditional territory of the Musqueam people, the UBC Farm stewards a 24 ha site as an integrated, working farm system. The UBC Farm student driven and all practices voluntarily adhere to COABC standards for organic production. In a given year, we cultivate up to 250 different varieties of annual and perennial crops.. Vegetables, fruits, berries, herbs, edible and cut flowers, transplants, eggs, and honey are all produced. Annual crops and grazing livestock are managed in a multi-year crop rotation.

For more information please visit our website at:

<http://www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm/apprenticeship.php>

Applications are now being accepted!

** Draft document subject to revision by the Sowing Seeds Steering Committee**