



x^wci'cəsəm Indigenous Land-Based Summer Internship Program 2024

The Indigenous Research Partnership at the Faculty of Land and Food System invites applications for the Summer 2024 Internship Positions at [x^wci'cəsəm: Indigenous Health Research and Education Garden](#).

The x^wci'cəsəm Garden is located on the unceded lands and waterways of the x^wməθk^wəy'əm (Musqueam) people at the UBC Farm. The program is led by Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, community members, students, and Indigenous Faculty. The Garden aims to serve educational and research needs related to Indigenous knowledges and its intersections with other ways of knowing. The x^wci'cəsəm Garden focuses on Indigenous food sovereignty, food security, land-based health and wellness, and traditional plant knowledge, while increasing participants' access to traditional and non-traditional plants/food knowledge and practices. The Garden hosts research and education programs supporting UBC teaching and learning initiatives; it collaborates with Indigenous communities and organizations, schools, and other communities.

The Summer internship program offers interns the opportunity to work on ongoing community-based research projects, participate in planning, designing, and implementing pilot-scale research projects, and assist in data collection using qualitative and quantitative methods and Indigenous methodologies. In addition, interns gain skills and experiences in Indigenous land-based research and community-engaged practices through gardening, plant knowledge, and community engagement while working alongside Indigenous knowledge holders.

The internship program is 8 weeks for three credits or 16 weeks for six credits. Students are expected to enroll in a directed studies APBI 497 course in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems, regardless of their degree program, unless the instructor grants special permission. Students will be eligible for course credits towards their UBC degree, pending their respective faculty programs' approval.

Interns Responsibilities

- Document and disseminate land-based activities through the Garden's online social media channels.
- Support Elders and Knowledge Keepers during land-based activities and regular garden maintenance.
- Co-supervise and work alongside volunteers implementing garden activities.
- Support research data collection as needed.
- Support the coordination, promotion, and evaluation of workshops or tours throughout the growing season.
- Participate in food production activities at the Musqueam Garden.

Preferred Qualifications

- UBC undergraduate or graduate student interested in Indigenous health and wellness, Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous food sovereignty, food security, gardening, or related topics.
- Some experience conducting literature reviews, implementing qualitative and quantitative

research and information technology.

- Enthusiastic about gaining research experience, Indigenous pedagogical practices, communication skills, and cross-cultural community engagement mentorship.
- Applicants should be comfortable working in teams and individually with minimum supervision.
- Awareness and sensitivity to Indigenous worldviews, cultural diversity, histories, and contemporary issues impacting Indigenous people.

Position Details

- Unpaid internship
- Commit a minimum of 10 hours per week for 8 weeks (3 credits) or 16 weeks (6 credits)
- The first cohort runs from **May 1 to June 30**, and the second from **July 1 to August 30, 2024**. A flexible schedule will be determined with the candidate after the selection process.
Please note: for six credits, students will need to enroll in both cohorts or negotiate the number of hours and scope of the direct study project.
- Dr. Eduardo Jovel, LFS Associate Professor will supervise Internship, including the Direct Study. Individual or team projects, deliverables, and terms of supervision will be defined collaboratively with the supervisor.

How to apply

Submit a current CV and a brief cover letter (max. 700 words on Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF) that includes:

- Personal/professional background information.
- Areas of focus, interests, objectives, and goals.
- Intentions and expectations of working with us.

Applications should be emailed to indigenousgardenlfs.irp@ubc.ca (cc: alannah.young@ubc.ca; eduardo.jovel@ubc.ca)

The Application Deadline Sunday, April 21, 2024.

