



Schoolyard Gardener

Fresh Roots: Community Support Team

Application Deadline: Application review begins upon receipt; open until June 7.

Good Food For All

Everyone should have access to healthy food, soil, and community. We enact this vision by cultivating engaging gardens and programs that catalyze healthy eating, ecological stewardship, and community celebration. Fresh Roots stewards 1/2-acre market gardens on school grounds across the lower mainland. Our fields produce good food for the community, empower youth through vocational skills development, and serve as hands-on outdoor classrooms for over 6000 students each year.

The Position

This position is a partnership with Fresh Roots, Grandview Woodland Food Connection, Farm to School BC and the Public Health Association of BC to support school gardens across Vancouver. Your role is to support school gardens during the summer when school is out.

You will work at schools across Vancouver to maintain, grow and to host volunteer work parties to support summer maintenance. That means weeding, watering, planting, and planning. You'll travel to gardens, and then get to work. You'll harvest food that's ready to share with neighbours and students, bring the bounty to food security organizations and take some home yourself.

You are a self-starter who loves to be outside. You'll be working with a partner and by yourself at different schools across East Vancouver, and occasionally with groups. You are a keen gardener already and feel comfortable working outside through the summer. In all, you'll grow a stupendous garden and get it ready for the school year to come!

Required Qualifications

- Must meet [Canada Summer Jobs Requirements](#)
- Confident gardening abilities
- Physically fit and happy to work outdoors in all conditions.
- Confident working independently.
- Have a bicycle and feel comfortable using a bike trailer
- Demonstrates respect and empathy for all
- Interest and knowledge of social media/blogging
- Have a smart phone and access to a computer
- Able to pass a criminal background check

Key Details

- Begins June 17 – August 24
- \$15.00/hr

E-mail a short cover letter (500 words) and resume (in one document) to jobs@freshroots.ca with your name and the name of the job position in the subject. Early submission of application increases likelihood of an interview. Review of applications and interviews will begin immediately upon receipt; earlier applications will be considered first and this position will be closed, once filled.