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Food Eco District

Summer Intern Job Description

Title	FED Summer Intern – Indigenous Garden
Location	#415-620 View St., Victoria BC
Position Length	June 25 th to August 24 th , 2018 (8 weeks)
Hours & Compensation	30 hours per week, \$14 per hour

ABOUT SSI

Synergy Sustainability Institute (SSI) is a non-for-profit with 4 core projects that help catalyze the green economy on Vancouver Island:

1. Vancouver Island Green Business Certification (<http://www.vigbc.ca/>)
2. The Food Eco District (<http://www.get-fed.com/>)
3. The Vancouver Island EcoStar Awards (<http://ecostarawards.com/>).
4. Earth Day Power Hour (<http://www.earthdaypowerhour.com>)

ABOUT FED

The Food Eco District (FED) is a local non-profit that is working to create a downtown district that celebrates food and sustainability. FED envisions a vibrant and distinct neighbourhood in Victoria's downtown core that showcases local leaders in restaurant sustainability and enhances public spaces with an abundance of edible gardens. This district will contribute to a conversation about food security and urban agriculture on Vancouver Island, and will attract tourists and locals alike. By partnering with the finest eateries in the district and beyond, FED is planting food, eating local, and growing a movement. It's time to get FED!

ABOUT THE LEARNING GARDEN

Working with LifeCycles Project Society, FED is building a Learning Garden in the large courtyard of Victoria's downtown public library. The Learning Garden will be a regional centre for education about food growing and food sustainability, offering ongoing programming for the public on how to save seeds, identify plant varieties, and grow food in urban spaces. It will animate and beautify public space that is in need of revitalization and place-making, creating a new community space for Victoria citizens to enjoy.



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JOB DESCRIPTION

FED is currently seeking an Indigenous student for an exciting summer internship. Our summer intern will help design and coordinate the next phase of the Learning Garden project at the Victoria Public Library: An Indigenous Food & Medicinal Plant Garden.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the learning garden team in designing and curating plant selection for an Indigenous Plant Garden at the Learning Garden, focusing on plants that have traditional uses and value to the Coast Salish people
- Coordinate an engagement workshop to solicit feedback on Indigenous Garden design; build partnerships with the Indigenous community (artists, elders, youth, etc.)
- Support content creation for garden signage and interpretation,
- Assist with designing food security workshops, particularly workshops in the Indigenous Plant Garden
- Curate content for social media
- Assist with the installation of an urban food garden at the Learning Garden (shovelling dirt, planting, watering, etc.)
- Support Learning Garden Grand Opening event planning, including invites to and participation from the Indigenous community

COMPETENCIES REQUIRED

- Must be a secondary or post-secondary student returning to school in the Fall
- Takes initiative; self-motivated work ethic
- Positive, can-do attitude
- Strong communications skills
- Computer literate
- A passion for gardening, food, and sustainability is a huge asset!

Please submit your resume to info@get-fed.ca along with a short email describing your interest in the role.