

## **Summer Student – Garden Education & Program Support (Pencil Patch Garden for Learning)**

Location: Abbotsford, BC

Hourly Wage: \$22.00 per hour

Position Type: Full-Time Temporary Summer Position (8 weeks) funded through the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) Program

Start Date: Early July 2026

### **Position Overview**

The Summer Student – Garden Education & Program Support plays an important supporting role in the coordination, operation, and delivery of programming at the Pencil Patch Garden for Learning. This position supports the Garden Program Coordinator in delivering hands-on, outdoor education by assisting with garden maintenance, school and community programming, and summer camp activities.

This role is ideal for a student interested in environmental education, food literacy, agriculture, experiential learning, or working with children and youth in an outdoor setting.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Assist with preparing, organizing, and maintaining educational materials and learning resources
- Support the delivery of structured, hands-on learning activities aligned with program goals
- Assist with school visits, including program set-up, facilitation support, and clean-up
- Help guide student participation in outdoor educational activities
- Assist with daily garden operations including planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, and general upkeep
- Support maintenance of garden stations, demonstration plots, irrigation systems, and shared garden spaces
- Assist with summer camp programming and outdoor learning activities
- Support participant supervision and help maintain a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment
- Assist with visits from community groups, recreation camps, and teacher programs
- Provide day-to-day operational support including set-up, clean-up, and organization of materials
- Assist with light administrative and operational tasks such as organizing supplies, filing, and maintaining program spaces
- Perform other related duties as required to support the needs of the position

## Qualifications & Requirements

- Currently enrolled in or returning to post-secondary studies preferred
- Interest in education, agriculture, environmental studies, or related fields
- Experience working with children and youth is considered an asset
- Comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Strong teamwork skills with a willingness to learn and take direction
- Reliable, organized, and able to work independently when needed
- Valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle required
- Must be legally authorized to work in Canada for the duration of the term

## Working Conditions

- Outdoor work in a garden environment
- Physical activity including lifting, bending, and standing for extended periods
- Full-time schedule for the duration of the 8-week placement

## About Us

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing agriculture to life for students across British Columbia. Through hands-on programs, educational resources, and experiential learning opportunities, we connect students and educators to the food system while fostering food literacy, environmental stewardship, and awareness of agriculture-related careers.

## How to Apply

Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your interest and relevant experience to:

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