



Institute for Sustainable Food Systems

Job Title: Research Associate - Economist

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) is seeking applications for a one-year Research Associate – Economist position focused on study of food system economics.

About ISFS

ISFS is an applied research and extension unit at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). We investigate and support regional food systems as key elements of sustainable communities, focusing predominantly on British Columbia but also extending our programming to other regions. Our applied research focuses on the potential of regional food systems in terms of agriculture and food, economics, community health, policy, and environmental integrity. Our extension programming provides information and support for farmers, communities, business, policy makers, and others. Community collaboration is central to our approach.

ISFS is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of researchers and extension specialists with expertise in food systems, agriculture, economics, farm business management, ecology, public health policy and planning and other disciplines. Our office is on KPU's Richmond campus, located at 8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond BC. The campus is served by rapid transit (Canada Line - Lansdowne Station), by which downtown Vancouver can be reached in about 30 minutes.

More about us and our work is at www.kpu.ca/isfs

Position Overview

- Contract: 35 hours/week for one year, with opportunity to renew on an ongoing annual basis dependent on performance and funding
- Salary: \$25-\$30/hour dependent on qualifications and experience, inclusive of benefits
- Position start date: Jan 2nd, 2019
- Position end date: Dec 31st, 2019
- Application deadline: Nov 9th, 2018

Responsibilities and Tasks

The research associate will collaborate with other ISFS research associates working on various projects. The primary responsibilities include:

- Assist ISFS Senior Research Associate in developing research methodology and analyzing data on economic impacts of local/regional food systems
- Conduct analytical studies on other food system issues such as agricultural land protection, household food consumption, farm income and
- Prepare technical reports, manuscripts and presentation materials
- Assist other team member in preparing research grant applications

Qualifications, Skills and Experience

The successful applicant for this position must:

- Hold a master or doctorate degree in economics, agricultural economics, applied economics or related field
- Have a good knowledge and experience in food system economic impact modelling
- Be proficient in the use of statistical packages such as SPSS, SAS, STATA and R.
- Have strong writing skills demonstrated by their lay and/or academic publication record
- Have strong interpersonal communication skills
- Have demonstrated ability to work amicably, productively, collaboratively and with a high degree of autonomy as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or hold a valid work permit

The following will be considered assets:

- Knowledge of the food system landscape of BC, in particular the nascent smaller scale, alternate market and organic sector
- Experience with project development and management
- Demonstrated ability to conceptualize a complex project and effectively plan and execute steps to complete it
- Grant writing experience and/or training

To Apply

Please submit your cover letter and resume to Wallapak Polasub (Senior Research Associate, ISFS) at wallapak.polasub@kpu.ca. Please use the subject line: *Research Associate – Economist*.

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