

Project Title: Cultivating forest stewardship – integrating forest ecosystem management and student learning at the UBC South Campus Farm

Project Summary (150 words maximum) *[note some of this will be moved to the rationale section]*

Students in the Faculty of Forestry have a broad range of academic and career interests. Competition for traditional jobs in the natural resources sector is high, but there are many new opportunities in conservation, ecosystem management, and community forestry. To round out their education, our students need to gain practical and professional experience during their time at UBC, and we would like to promote an entrepreneurial culture among our graduates. The UBC South Campus Farm provides a unique living laboratory for on-campus learning about ecological processes, principles and practices of land planning and resource management, designing and creating new products and services, interacting with consumers and meeting and discussing community needs and desires with local residents and community groups. Our goal in *Cultivating Forest Stewardship* is to enhance current and future course-based activities at the farm, and to develop a new directed studies course called Case Studies in Forest-Based Entrepreneurship.