

## SPEC & VFPC Food Waste Policy Research Internship

<b>Job Title:</b>	Food Waste Policy Research Internship
<b>Hours per week:</b>	37
<b>Pay per hour:</b>	\$19-21 (based on experience)
<b>Duration:</b>	3 months (to be completed between May-August, 2013)
<b>Work Location:</b>	Vancouver

### Background

Founded in 1969, The Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) is a non-profit charitable organization that addresses environmental issues in British Columbia, with a particular focus on urban communities. Through public education programs and advocacy, SPEC works to raise public awareness of environmental issues and encourages policies and practices that lead to urban sustainability. SPEC's programs focus on three main areas: food system sustainability, zero waste and energy.

The Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC) is an advisory group to Vancouver's City Council, comprised of passionate people from various sectors of the local food system. The VFPC functions as a bridge between citizens and civic officials, coming together to work on local food policy initiatives. The primary goal of the VFPC is to examine how our local food system operates, and provide ideas and policy recommendations to Vancouver City Council on how it can be improved.

A unique partnership between SPEC and the Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC) brings together SPEC's 44 year history of community-based environmental work in BC and the VFPC's experience with local food policy. The SPEC Research Intern will work under the guidance of both SPEC and the VFPC.

### Job Description

The focus of the Research Intern will be to research, and report on food waste policy. The position will involve numerous project outcomes, which may include:

- Identifying relevant policies, as well as policy gaps, and other barriers to community-based food waste solutions in BC's urban areas.
- Developing an info-graphic/visual map of all relevant policies affecting food waste solutions.
- Outlining examples of innovative, successful community-based approaches to bringing forth food waste solutions.
- Identifying key stakeholders in the region with interest in, and capacity to deliver food waste solutions.
- Making recommendations for next steps in mobilizing stakeholders to action (in food waste prevention/reduction, and diversion/recycling).
- Creating a presentation to communicate the results of this work.



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### **Qualifications**

- Knowledge about local food policy
- Experience with local/regional food waste issues
- Demonstrated research, and analytical skills
- Independent worker, self-motivated, ability to meet measurable targets
- Experience in visual communication of ideas, including visual mapping and presentations

**This position is being funded by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions  
(<http://pics.uvic.ca/>).**

**Applicants must be:**

- **Currently registered at a PICS partner institution: UVic, UBC, SFU, UNBC**
  - **Returning to studies in fall 2013.**

**To apply, send a cover letter and resume to:**

**Emme Lee, Food Waste Co-chair, VFPC**

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**Submissions must be received by the end of Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please include the job title in the subject line of your email.**

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position however we will only be contacting those selected for interviews.