

Careers

Co-Op and Career Path Student – Urban Forestry



Are you looking for a chance to put your education into practice? Take it to the next level with a Co-op position with the City of Kelowna!

We are looking for a self-starter team player to join our Parks team. The Urban Forestry co-op student position will assist the City arborists and urban forestry technician with duties related to tree maintenance, tree planting and other urban forestry related duties. General Parks maintenance including tree, plant and lawn care, irrigation upkeep, garbage pickup, raking, shoveling, mowing and use of small equipment and hand tools. Dealing with the public, contractors, other City and event staff.

This is an excellent opportunity to get experience in the Urban Forestry industry from City Parks point of view.

Co-op position run from May through December. Eligible candidates will be enrolled in and returning to school full-time in the subsequent academic year and have strong communication, teamwork, customer service, and problem-solving skills. International students must be attending school full time, possess a valid study permit and may require a valid co-op work permit when applying for a co-op position. Please note that international students can only participate in co-op work terms for up to 50% of their total program of study (example: a 2 year diploma program is limited to two co-op work terms).

Qualifications

- Enrolled in a full time Education Program at a post-secondary institution
- Completion of 1st year in a related program
- Excellent customer service skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Previous horticulture experience would be considered an asset
- Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel)
- Valid BC Driver's License

Employment Dates: Early May through to late August

Hours of Work: 6:00am to 2:30pm (may vary depending on assignment), Monday to Friday (some weekends may be required)

This assignment is preferred as an 8-month term from May to December 2026. This is a CUPE bargaining unit position with an hourly rate of \$25.68 to \$27.66 per hour plus 14% in lieu of benefits, vacation and statutory holidays.

The City of Kelowna is committed to being an organization that values and reflects its community's diverse population, and to fostering an equitable, inclusive and progressive work environment where everyone can be their authentic self and feels a sense of belonging.

For further information or to apply, please check our website at www.kelowna.ca/careers

Applications must be received by end of day **January 23, 2026**

Applicants not contacted within three weeks of the closing date are thanked for their interest