

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Field Assistant, Ecological Monitoring and Enhancement
Number of Positions:	2
Location:	Annapolis Royale, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 9 weeks [June 26 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$11.75/hour

Clean makes homes more [energy efficient](#), [restores streams & watersheds](#), [engages youth](#) on the environment, promotes [green transportation](#), mitigates the effects of [stormwater](#), helps communities reduce [waste](#), and contributes to public policy discussions.

That's [what](#) we do. [Why](#) we do it is to help create a more sustainable society in Atlantic Canada. We work for a clean climate & clean water, and, to help us get there, we foster, educate and support clean leaders in our communities.

Clean is a non-profit, non-governmental environment organization created in 1988 through an [Act of the Legislature](#) in Nova Scotia. However, we receive no core government funding. We run the charity through money raised for our many programs and projects, which can come from agencies, businesses, government departments, foundations and individual citizens.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work on projects in other parts of Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Corps (Youth Corps) team for summer 2017, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:



Youth Corps

In Nova Scotia, more than half of our young people leave the province after graduation. But what if they were given the skills and opportunities to join a vibrant green economy here at home?

The Youth Corps wants to inspire, develop and nurture an interest in jobs that support a future-looking economy and a sustainable environment. By tapping into a student's journey mid-way through school, our training and internship program offers new green options in career path decisions – while giving young minds the tools they need for future success.

The Youth Corps builds connections between youth and local organizations to stimulate stewardship for the natural environment and support the emergence of young community leaders. This is accomplished by providing students with training and employment opportunities through paid work placements with community-based organizations. And our Aboriginal Leadership Program builds on the Youth Corps to focus on the needs of First Nations youth while bringing traditional indigenous knowledge into the program. Our goal at Clean is to help build that foundation on which students can build their careers, and grow into the thoughtful, creative policy-makers and CEOs of tomorrow.

Position Overview:

The host for this Summer Student Intern position through Youth Corps will be Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP). Reporting to the Program Manager, successful candidates will mainly be responsible for assisting with field work related to a variety of CARP's ecological monitoring and restoration projects within the Annapolis watershed. Field Assistants need to be able to complete physically demanding outdoor work in varying and unpredictable weather conditions and terrains. It is essential that selected Field Assistants are understand safety regulations and tool maintenance including proper cleaning and storing

About the Host:

The Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) is a charitable non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the ecological health of the Annapolis River watershed through science, leadership, and community engagement. The Field Assistant position is based out of CARP's office, which is located in Annapolis Royal, Annapolis County, NS. Field work extends across the watershed, from Digby to Berwick, NS.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Aquatic connectivity surveys including fish habitat assessments, restoration recommendations and physical restoration work (e.g. debris removal, construction of rock weirs);
- Assisting in fish habitat suitability assessments;
- Assisting with in-stream habitat restoration activities (e.g. digger log construction);
- Riparian and terrestrial habitat enhancement/restoration activities including fencing, native tree and shrub planting, willow stake collection, and willow staking;
- Field work in various weather conditions (rain, heat, cold), and terrains (forest, wetland, watercourses);
- Scientific data entry on field cards, data sheets, and in computer;
- Help develop and deliver outreach, stewardship and educational activities (e.g. host events, presentations in local schools and groups; help assist junior naturalist club);
- Removal of alien invasive plant species with hand tools or by hand;
- Ecological monitoring of aquatic health parameters (e.g. temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, pH) using water quality equipment;
- Travel by small boat in watercourses (canoe or aluminum boat with motor);
- Assist in wood turtle research (e.g. turtle surveys, radio telemetry, data entry, stewardship, nest protection);
- Assist with the construction of structures (e.g. raingardens) to improve storm water management in rural and urban communities;
- Attend and participate in project meetings, monthly staff meetings and Board of Directors live update meeting(s);

- Equipment maintenance including proper cleaning and storing (e.g. muddy boots, nets, water quality instruments, radio tracking equipment etc.);
- Development and/or distribution of brochures or outreach material;
- Other field work and office work as required from time to time.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Is not a member of immediate family of host;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Be able to do physical work outdoors in varying weather conditions and on varying terrains and capable of heavy lifting (up to 50lbs).
- Have strong communication and organization skills;
- Full time access to a vehicle is an asset but not a requirement;
- Pleasure Craft Operating Card and valid First Aid certification is an asset;
- Previous field work experience is an asset.

To apply, fill out the online application [here](#). After you click the 'submit' button, you will be directed to a page where you can upload your cover letter(s), resume, and letter of reference. You can also access that page directly by [clicking here](#) – note that your reference can also submit their letter on your behalf directly through that page. Your application will not be considered until we have received all of your application materials.

The deadline to apply is midnight, May 24, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.