

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Aboriginal Leadership Intern

Position Title:	MCG Jr. Research & Education Officer
Location:	Truro, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 15 weeks [May 15, 2017 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$13.25 per 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) Aboriginal leadership 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.

Leadership interns will gain meaningful experience in:

- Project and event planning and coordination;
- Mentorship and supervision of staff and/or volunteers;
- Training and facilitation skills;
- Public outreach and communication;
- Networking and cross-cultural learning;
- Environmental issues, adaptations and best practices.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Intern position through the Youth Corps will be the Mi'kmaw Conservation Group (MCG), reporting to the MCG Senior Director and the Project Coordinators for the National Wetland Conservation Fund Project and the Atlantic Ecosystems Initiatives Project. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for assisting the Project Coordinators with research and fieldwork in wetlands throughout Nova Scotia as well as the Cornwallis River, NS. These duties include: scientific literature review, wetland plant species identification and assessments, water quality monitoring, water sampling, assisting on writing articles on field activities, and community outreach planning, activities and educational materials. With this project you will be responsible to participating in field-work in various aquatic environments, conducting scientific research and preparing community outreach materials and presentations. The successful candidate must have an interest in environmental conservation and must possess excellent written and oral communication skills. This position required working full workdays in woodland, aquatic and wetland ecosystems, and will involve hiking and transporting equipment between sites.

About the Community Partner:

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) is a Tribal Council representing seven, Mi'kmaq communities of mainland NS. Our mission is to proactively promote and assist Mi'kmaq communities' initiatives towards self-determination and enhancement of community. The CMM is located in the Millbrook Mi'kmaw Community in Nova Scotia and has over 50 Employees. The CMM is currently looking for an energetic, mature and independent candidate to fill the summer student position of Jr. Research and Education Officer with the MCG program.

The Mi'kmaw Conservation Group, at the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq in Truro, is an Aboriginal organization which focuses on the conservation and management of aquatic watersheds and ecosystems throughout Nova Scotia. Our mission is to "restore the concept of Netukulimk in the Bay of Fundy watershed". MCG's goal is to work under the direction of our Advisory Board for the environmental management and conservation concerns of six Mi'kmaw Communities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. These six Communities are: Annapolis Valley, Glooscap, Fort Folly, Millbrook, Pictou Landing and Sipekne'katik Mi'kmaw Communities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Coordination of MCG's "Iconic Mi'kmaw Cultural Plant Identification and Future Recovery within Nova Scotia's Wetlands; and, Clean Water, Healthy Food: Ecosystem Monitoring by Mi'kmaw Communities in Heavily Agricultural Watersheds in Mi'kma'ki" projects' staff, activities, budget and schedule;

- Planning and developing educational modules and presentations for youth and community members at community events;
- Working with a variety of groups (youth, Elders, community members, coworkers, etc.);
- Travel to wetland habitats throughout Nova Scotia to identify plant species and conduct assessments;
- Assessing water quality and collecting water samples;
- Assisting the Project Coordinator and MCG Senior Director with the supervision of summer students;
- Conducting a literature review and writing reports on Mi'kmaw wetland plants (including their ideal habitats, location, benefits, etc.);
- Writing reports and preparing PowerPoint Presentations for Management;
- Preparing monthly reports;
- Attending training opportunities as needed;
- Taking direction from the MCG Senior Director and Project Coordinators;
- Assisting with other projects as needed.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- One [1] year of university or college in a related field;
- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Must have reliable transportation and the ability to travel;
- Must possess excellent, written and oral communication skills;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Experience working in or with First Nation communities;
- Knowledge of computers an asset (Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint);
- Responsible and ability to work independently;
- 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 and 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, April 2nd, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are an equal opportunity employer; however, qualified self-identifying Aboriginal applicants will be given priority for this position.

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.