

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Species At Risk Field and Community Assistant
Number of Positions:	1
Location:	Digby, 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 Bear River First Nation and Acadia First Nation. The successful intern will be reporting to Shalan Joudry and Sarah Jerney. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for monitoring species at risk and their habitats, protecting them, researching more about them through field surveys, research reading, and speaking with community. You will also be creating community and youth awareness events or programs. The successful candidate needs to have knowledge of Mi'kmaw culture and history; desire and willingness to learn about ecology and species at risk; be able to work independently or with a team; and have good communication skills.

About the Host:

Bear River First Nation is one of 13 Mi'kmaw communities in Nova Scotia, with the main reserve sitting about 10 minutes from Digby. Our community has been working on natural resources and ecological research and protection projects for over 20 years.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct field work monitoring species and habitats for the Eastern Ribbonsnake, Blandings' Turtle, Wood Turtle, rare plants, Chimney Swifts, bats, Monarch Butterflies, Common Nighthawks, and Black Ash; with additional fieldwork recording audio of forest birds in region;
- Assist other ecological staff in organizing community events and surveys;
- Interview/speak with community members and Elders about their stories about the species or habitats;
- Assist in surveying/identifying reserve land lakeshore plant communities;
- Enhance butterfly garden and other species nest boxes or habitat areas;
- Assist Mi'kmaw language research for species and habitats;
- Build and set habitat information and protection signs for nature trails;
- Survey lands for Black Ash;
- Facilitate community and youth workshops.

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.
- Must be willing to work outdoors in various weather conditions for extended periods of time;
- Requires excellent oral and written communication skills, as the successful candidate will be performing a great deal of community outreach and engagement activities.

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.