

Job Description – Clean Leadership 2019 Program

Summary of the Program

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work in the summer months that fosters environmental stewardship. The Clean Leadership program provides Nova Scotian youth with green sector work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning (including team-building and leadership skills, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, and the ability to give back to their community and their environment.

Job Title - Mi'kmawey Forestry Conservation Intern
Wage - \$13.25/hr

Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be *Mi'kmawey Forestry with The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq*, reporting to *the Mi'kmawey Forestry Stewardship Officer and the Mi'kmawey Forestry Program Manager*. In this position, you will be responsible for conducting tree surveys in forested wetlands with the Mi'kmawey Forestry Stewardship Officer and recording data on the provincially threatened black ash. This position requires frequent trips to remote locations throughout Nova Scotia and may involve occasional overnight excursions. Much of the Mi'kmawey Forestry Conservation Intern's time will be spent outdoors. The successful candidate needs to have strong written and verbal communication skills, excellent attention to detail, and a general enjoyment of the outdoors.

Community Partner

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq is a Tribal Council incorporated in 1986 as a not-for-profit organization under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia. Starting with a team of two staff members, almost thirty years later the organization is supported by more than sixty employees working in multiple social and environmental sectors. The mission statement best summarizes the objectives of the organization: "To proactively promote and assist Mi'kmaw communities' initiatives toward self determination and enhancement of community." CMM's main office is located in the community of Millbrook, Nova Scotia.

Mi'kmawey Forestry is a program run under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq with the mission of supporting Mi'kmaw engagement in the transformation of Nova Scotia's forests through the practice and promotion of Netukulimk.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Mi'kmawey Forestry Conservation Intern will be responsible for:

- Collecting and organizing botanical data
- Aiding with species identifications in the field
- Interpreting maps and satellite imagery
- Helping with tree planting efforts throughout Nova Scotia
- Aiding with black ash plantation management
- Installing deer repellent measures
- Carrying out surveys for deer browse
- Carrying out informative community engagement events

Requirements/Qualifications

These are the qualifications that are necessary for someone to be considered for the position.

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally 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 2019;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- 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;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset
- Familiarity with Nova Scotian wildlife is considered an asset

Working Conditions

Must be willing to work in various weather conditions

Physical Requirements

Must be willing to walk up to 4 km in a workday