

## 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 - Jr. Research and Education Officer

Wage - \$13.25

### Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, reporting to Research and Education Officer- Mi'kmaw Conservation Group. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for assisting the East River Monitoring team carry out the various summer field work and outreach components of the project. These activities include: habitat assessments, water quality monitoring, fish monitoring and youth focused educational activities related to the project. The successful candidate needs to have the ability to work outside in various weather conditions in and around waterbodies (i.e. streams and rivers).

### Community Partner

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (The CMM) is a Tribal Council representing eight Mi'kmaq communities of mainland Nova Scotia. Our mission is "To proactively promote and assist Mi'kmaw communities' initiatives toward self determination and enhancement of community". The CMM is located in Millbrook Mi'kmaw Community in Nova Scotia and has over 80 employees.

The MCG is focused on promoting and enhancing the environmental health of Nova Scotia's Watersheds. Its mission is "to promote and restore the concept of *Netukulimk* in the Bay of Fundy Watershed. The MCG is involved with a variety of marine and freshwater management projects and is continuously developing programs involving youth mentorship and First Nations capacity, and addressing issues relating to species-at-risk, water quality, climate change and directed habitat restoration.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Planning, creating and implementing educational activities for Mi'kmaw youth at community events.
- Creating educational materials, social media updates and newspaper articles on project achievements.
- Writing reports and preparing presentations for management.
- Maintaining instream restoration structures (i.e. digger logs and deflector logs).
- Field data collection including: habitat assessment and water quality parameters.
- Creating databases and document templates using Microsoft Office Suite.
- Inputting data onto appropriate databases.
- Play a leadership and supervisory role to a 9-week summer student.
- Assisting with any other projects within MCG as required.

## **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;
- Experience working in or with First Nation Communities;
- Must have reliable transportation and the ability to travel;
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint) is an asset;
- Responsible, safety-oriented and the ability to work independently as well as part of a team;
- Possess excellent written and oral communication skills.

## **Working Conditions**

- Ability to work with others in a shared office environment.
- Ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions in the potential presence of pests, irritants, and wildlife (i.e. mosquitos, ticks, poison oak, etc.)
- Ability to work outdoors in and around water (i.e. rivers, streams, etc.).

## **Physical Requirements**

- Ability to perform physically demanding outdoor work in and around water (i.e. rivers, streams, etc.).