

## **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 - Summer Research Assistant (2 positions available)**

**Wage - \$13.25/hr**

### **Summary of Position**

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute, reporting to Project Administrator. In this position, you will be responsible for attending farmers markets and community events to promote awareness of pollinators and species at risk, as well as encouraging pollinator awareness and the use of pollinator-friendly plants at garden centres and nurseries. The employee will also be responsible for assisting with several projects pertaining to biodiversity conservation including Blanding's turtles, bats, and chimney swifts. The successful candidate needs to have good interpersonal skills, be a good team member, possess basic computer skills (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), and be willing to work outside in various, sometimes challenging settings.

### **Community Partner**

The Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute is a non-profit co-operative with a mandate to promote sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation in the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve and beyond through research, education, and the operation of a field station. It is located in Kempt, Queens County between the village of Caledonia and Kejimkujik National Park.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Develop educational tools for farmers' markets, presentations and displays, one-on-one meetings, and other outreach activities to promote local pollinator restoration efforts.
- Attend Farmers' markets in western Nova Scotia to promote the pollinator project and recruit keen landowners.
- Assist with several projects pertaining to biodiversity conservation including but not limited to Blanding's turtle radio tracking and nest protection, monitoring for endangered bat species, chimney swifts, pollinator awareness and garden enhancement, loon surveys for aquatic health, and completing surveys for invasive fish species.

## **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.

## **Working Conditions**

Working outside in challenging conditions (wet, hot, presence of ticks and flies) will be required for farmers' markets, on-site restoration work, and research field work.

## **Physical Requirements**

Some aspects of the job such as and digging soil, planting trees and plants, and doing outdoor field work, may be physically demanding.