

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 - Climate Action Intern

Wage - \$11.75/hr

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 the Climate Action Adaptation Project Coordinator. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for conducting research on climate change adaptation strategies, delivering community outreach on climate change, and supporting emergency management planning. The position will be largely office based with some opportunities for field work, community travel and workshop engagements. The successful candidate needs to have a strong understanding of climate change and environmental science.

Community Partner

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) is a Tribal Council representing seven Mi'kmaq communities in Mainland Nova Scotia. Our mission is to proactively promote and assist Mi'kmaq community initiatives towards self-determination and enhancement of community. The CMM is located in the Millbrook Mi'kmaw community of Nova Scotia and currently has over 80 employees.

This posting will be housed within the CMM's Climate Action program which is dedicated towards researching and adapting to the impacts of climate change. The program's goals are to develop practical solutions as well as research and education opportunities surrounding climate change adaptation, emergency management, and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Support the development of both natural and engineered climate change adaptation strategies, including cost-benefit and S.W.O.T. analysis for proposed solutions.
- Engage youth groups, schools and community associations to build awareness and adaptive capacity.

- Conduct background research on climate change impacts and adaptation strategies.
- Develop presentations, activities, and education modules related to climate change.
- Assist the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Communications Officer with content for newsletters, newspapers, and social media.
- Attend periodic meetings as required by the program manager.
- Additional duties may be required by the program manager or departmental director.

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 Nations communities will be considered an asset;
- Understanding of local issues related to climate change;
- Excellent presentation and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to multi-task and meet deadlines whether working independently or on a team;
- Understanding concepts of community engagement and capacity building.

Working Conditions

This will primarily be an office-based position with some capacity for field work and community outreach.

Physical Requirements

No outstanding physical requirements will be necessary for this posting.