

Job Description – Clean Leadership 2019 Program

Summer Student Intern

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

Assistant Jr. Research and Education Officer—Species at Risk Monitoring, Recovery and Stewardship

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 (CMM), reporting to the Mi'kmaq Conservation Group (MCG) Senior Director. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for assisting the MCG Jr. Research and Education Officer and Project Coordinator with strengthening Mi'kmaq capacity in Atlantic Salmon monitoring, recovery and stewardship in mainland Nova Scotia. The Assistant Jr. Research and Education Officer will be responsible for educating community members via community workshops and developing educational materials relative to the project objectives. The successful candidate needs to have an interest in the environmental sector and must possess excellent written and oral communication skills. The Assistant Jr. Research and Education Officer will be required to spend some of their time working in a shared office space and frequently perform physically demanding labour outdoors in rainy/wet conditions, in and around water.

Community Partner

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq is a not-for-profit organization governed by the Chiefs of its 8 member communities. Mi'kmaq Conservation Group is a technical service administered by the CMM that focuses on restoring the concept of Netukulimk in the Bay of Fundy; taking what is needed and wasting nothing. MCG focuses its efforts on issues involving land management, forestry stewardship, climate change, species-at-risk and critical fish habitat. The CMM is located in the Millbrook Mi'kmaq Community in Millbrook, Nova Scotia and has over 80 employees. The CMM is currently looking for an energetic, mature and independent candidate to fill the summer student position of Assistant Jr. Research and Education Officer with the MCG program.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Planning and developing educational modules and presentations for youth and community members at community workshops and events;

- Conducting streamside interviews of community members and local fishers about local ecological knowledge of Atlantic Salmon fishing efforts in various watersheds;
- Conducting literature reviews; and, researching aquatic species monitoring techniques;
- Participating in species-at-risk monitoring and recovery activities:
 - Inputting data collected from electrofishing surveys and smolt wheel operations
 - Assessing fish habitat quality
 - Fish tissue and scale sampling
 - Preparing evaluation reports of data collected
- Writing reports and preparing PowerPoint presentations for management;
- Following safety procedures;
- Attending trainee opportunities as needed;
- Taking direction from the MCG Jr. Research and Education Officer and assisting with other project needs;
- Directing the Assistant Field Technician to fulfill project objectives

Requirements/Qualifications

List specific requirements and minimum qualifications required to successfully perform the job. 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;
- Experience working in or with First Nation Communities is an asset;
- Must have reliable transportation and the ability to travel;
- Knowledge of computers is an asset (Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint);
- Responsible and able to work independently;
- Must possess excellent, written and oral communication skills;
- 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, as well as giving, feedback and direction;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;

Working Conditions

The successful applicant will be required to spend some of their time working in a shared office space and to frequently perform physically demanding labour outdoors in rainy/wet conditions, in and around moving water. The successful applicant will also be required to work in safe yet uncomfortable conditions (such as hot and cold) and will be required to capture and handle aquatic wildlife.