

Job Description – Clean Leadership 2021 Program

We are committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Indigenous People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations or positions where they are underrepresented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on our pre-screening form as you may also be eligible for one of our specialized internship streams (inclusive of more tailored programming, supports and resources for each group).

Summary of the Program

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide 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 youth with clean sector work experience; an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, with opportunity to give back; skills for lifelong learning (including job-readiness and leadership skills); and knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures.

Job Title

Climate Action Intern – 15-week internship

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 team. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for carrying out important outreach, research, and fieldwork activities to support climate monitoring, climate adaptation, and clean energy initiatives with CMM's Climate Action team. Activities will include creating outreach material to engage the public on topics related to climate change, assisting with field surveys and data collection, visiting communities to assist with meetings/events, as well as installing and maintaining research equipment. The successful candidate needs to have great communication skills, a passion for learning, a strong work ethic, and the ability to work independently while managing multiple tasks.

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'kmaq communities' initiatives towards self-determination and enhancement of community. The CMM is located in the Millbrook Mi'kmaw Community in Nova Scotia and has over 115 Employees. This posting will be housed within the CMM's Climate Action program which is dedicated towards understanding 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 monitoring, adaptation, and mitigation.

Duties and Responsibilities



- Collecting and organizing data
- Interpreting maps and satellite imagery
- Carrying out informative community engagement events
- Engaging community youth as part of CMM's annual MCG Days
- Carrying out independent literature research
- Drafting electronic materials to be used for outreach (articles, social media posts, etc.)

Requirements/Qualifications

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30 years at time of internship;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in Fall 2021;
- Must not be an immediate family member 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 clean sector is considered an asset;
- Experience working in or with First Nation communities is considered an asset;
- Excellent presentation and communication skills;
- Experience conducting field work is considered an asset;
- Understanding of local issues related to climate change;
- Must have reliable transportation to the CMM Main Office in Truro, NS.

Working Conditions

This will be an office-based position with regular field work and community outreach activities. Applicants must be willing to work in outdoor environments in various weather conditions. Work may occasionally take place on or near boats.

Physical Requirements

Must have an appropriate level of fitness to conduct occasional field surveys in forest and intertidal habitats.