

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Watershed Projects Field Intern
Number of Positions:	2
Location:	Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 9 weeks [June 26 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$13.00/hour

Clean makes homes more [energy efficient](#), [restores streams & watersheds](#), [engages youth](#) on the environment, promotes [green transportation](#), mitigates the effects of [stormwater](#), helps communities reduce [waste](#), and contributes to public policy discussions.

That's [what](#) we do. [Why](#) we do it is to help create a more sustainable society in Atlantic Canada. We work for a clean climate & clean water, and, to help us get there, we foster, educate and support clean leaders in our communities.

Clean is a non-profit, non-governmental environment organization created in 1988 through an [Act of the Legislature](#) in Nova Scotia. However, we receive no core government funding. We run the charity through money raised for our many programs and projects, which can come from agencies, businesses, government departments, foundations and individual citizens.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work on projects in other parts of Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Corps (Youth Corps) team for summer 2017, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:



Youth Corps

In Nova Scotia, more than half of our young people leave the province after graduation. But what if they were given the skills and opportunities to join a vibrant green economy here at home?

The Youth Corps wants to inspire, develop and nurture an interest in jobs that support a future-looking economy and a sustainable environment. By tapping into a student's journey mid-way through school, our training and internship program offers new green options in career path decisions – while giving young minds the tools they need for future success.

The Youth Corps builds connections between youth and local organizations to stimulate stewardship for the natural environment and support the emergence of young community leaders. This is accomplished by providing students with training and employment opportunities through paid work placements with community-based organizations. And our Aboriginal Leadership Program builds on the Youth Corps to focus on the needs of First Nations youth while bringing traditional indigenous knowledge into the program. Our goal at Clean is to help build that foundation on which students can build their careers, and grow into the thoughtful, creative policy-makers and CEOs of tomorrow.

Position Overview:

The host for this Summer Student Intern position through Youth Corps will be Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation. Coastal Action is seeking applicants who are energetic and motivated, with a passion and appreciation for nature, as well as a strong desire to share that passion with others. The successful candidate must work well independently and as part of a team, and requires the willingness and flexibility to work with a dynamic and emergent work schedule and responsibilities. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for assisting in monthly water quality monitoring, aquatic connectivity and stream assessments, restoration of aquatic habitat and public outreach/education events. The successful candidate needs to be comfortable working in and around water, performing physical tasks in all weather condition, getting wet and dirty on a daily basis. The field intern(s) must also be flexible to work occasional weekends to meet project deadlines or attend public festivals and events.

About the Host:

The Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation is a non-profit community based charitable organization with a mandate to address the environmental concerns along the South Shore of Nova Scotia. The organization's goal is to promote the restoration, enhancement, and conservation of our ecosystem through research, education, and action. Coastal Action works in several different watersheds throughout the South Shore of Nova Scotia and conducts a wide variety of restoration and monitoring projects in both the LaHave River watershed (1700 km²) and the Petite Rivière watershed (244 km²). The goals of these projects are to develop watershed management plans and to maintain long term records of watershed health through water quality monitoring, habitat assessments, restoration, monitoring, and education. The Watershed Project Field interns will need to comfortable spending extended periods of time on foot and surrounded by the natural environment (including bugs, wildlife, and extreme weather).

The Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation office is located at 37 Tannery Road, Lunenburg, NS.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Field Interns will be working on a team of 2-3 people and will report to and take direction from the Watershed Projects Coordinator. The successful candidate(s) will be responsible for assisting in the following project activities and duties:

- Monthly water quality monitoring in the LaHave River watershed and Petite Rivière watershed;
- Conducting stream crossing (bridge and culvert) assessments;
- Conducting in-stream fish habitat and riparian health assessments;
- Conducting aquatic connectivity restoration projects;

- Conducting pre/post restoration habitat surveys;
- Installation/repairing of habitat restoration structures (i.e., digger logs, baffles, chutes, etc.);
- Removal of garbage and debris blockages from stream and riparian habitats;
- Consultation with landowners, farmers, and Adopt-A-Stream personnel to finalize restoration project design;
- Attend local events and public meetings to showcase projects and increase awareness of watershed issues.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- 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 2017;
- Is not a member of immediate family of host;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Must have a flexible schedule due to some tasks requiring the successful candidate to work irregular hours;
- Ability to strive with a great deal of autonomy
- Public speaking and presentation skills are considered assets;
- Previous experience in a coordination/leadership role with implementing and managing recreational/educational programs for children and youth is considered an asset;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Successful candidate must be capable of performing physically demanding tasks and hiking through challenging environments;
- Must be comfortable spending extended periods of time on foot and surrounded by the natural environment (including bugs, wildlife, and extreme weather).

To apply, fill out the online application [here](#). After you click the 'submit' button, you will be directed to a page where you can upload your cover letter(s), resume, and letter of reference. You can also access that page directly by [clicking here](#) – note that your reference can also submit their letter on your behalf directly through that page. Your application will not be considered until we have received all of your application materials.

The deadline to apply is midnight, May 24, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.