

Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Watershed Projects Summer Intern
Number of Positions:	2
Location:	Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 9 weeks [June 27 – August 26, 2016]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	\$11.50/hour

The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that started in 1988. We work in vital environmental areas like energy, water, transportation and waste. The Clean Foundation provides the knowledge, tools and inspiration needed to encourage the individual actions that add up to positive environmental change. We partner with individual citizens, governments, organizations, communities and businesses to find environmental solutions.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work across Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. Our local roots are going global, exploring how our knowledge and experience can be used in other countries, including nations in the developing world. 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 Conservation Corps (NSYCC) team for summer 2016, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:

The NSYCC program 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 that enhances the local environment through the summer months. The NSYCC provides Nova Scotian youth with environmental work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning including, team-building and leadership skills, public speaking and community outreach, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, the ability to give back to their community and their environment, and workplace safety training, including first aid, WHMIS, and Occupational Health & Safety.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) will be Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation, reporting to the Watersheds Project Coordinator. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for water quality monitoring, fish habitat restoration projects, aquatic connectivity assessments, and habitat assessments. The successful candidate needs to have a background in environmental science, be comfortable working individually as well as part of a team, be comfortable dealing with landowners and the general public, be energetic and motivated, and enjoy working outdoors in nature.

This position will require the Watershed Projects Summer Intern to spend the majority of their time in the field at various locations throughout the LaHave River and Petite Riviere Watersheds. Field conditions will include all types of weather conditions, bugs, wildlife, and hiking through a variety of habitats. Candidates must be comfortable working in and around water (streams, lakes, wetlands), performing physical tasks in all weather conditions, and getting wet and dirty on a daily basis. Several aspects of this position will include physical labour, including hiking through challenging environments, carrying supplies over difficult terrain, using hand and power tools to perform various tasks, and moving large boulders and logs.

About the Community Partner:

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

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Working in teams of a minimum of two-three persons, the successful candidate will report to and work alongside the Project Coordinator. The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting in the following project activities:
- Monitoring water quality in the LaHave River and Petite Riviere Watersheds;
- Pre-construction tasks such as ordering and arranging delivery of project materials;
- Conducting pre / post habitat surveys;
- Installation / repairing of digger logs;
- Perform culvert assessments;
- Removal of garbage and debris blockages from stream and riparian habitats;
- Working in consultation with landowners and Adopt-a-Stream personnel to finalize project design and layout;
- Attending local festivals, events, and public meetings to showcase the project and to increase awareness of the issues surrounding the project;
- Conduct aquatic connectivity restoration projects;
- Conduct in-stream fish habitat and riparian health assessments.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or 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 2016;
- 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;
- Must be flexible and able to adapt to a changing work schedule;
- Must be willing to perform all job duties;
- Must be willing to work in all weather conditions;
- Must have strong writing skills and attention to detail;
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle for work purposes;
- Must be able to work as part of a team as well as independently;
- Must be able to manage time efficiently;

- Must be able to communicate well both orally and in writing;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Knowledge of habitat assessments and fish habitat restoration techniques is considered an asset.

If you are interested in this position please submit your cover letter and resume, merged into one document, via email to Morgan Book, mbook@clean.ns.ca by May 30, 2016. When applying for this NSYCC Summer Student Intern position please identify the position title and community partner listed above in either your cover letter or resume.

We ask that you do not apply for more than five (5) Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) Summer Student Intern positions; if you apply to more than one (1) job posting please send separate applications for each position.

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.