



SHELL CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Shell Conservation Internship Program is a partnership initiative between the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and Shell Canada Limited to provide university/college students with practical experience in the conservation field. Launched in 2002, the Shell Conservation Internship Program will, in 2010, engage students from across Canada in stewardship and management work on NCC properties, and in other career-related activities that advance the work of NCC. This partnership builds on the successful history of Shell Canada and NCC working together to conserve many of our country's most important natural places.

REGION: ATLANTIC (NEW BRUNSWICK & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND)
POSITION TITLE: NB & PEI STEWARDSHIP FIELD INTERN
NO. OF POSITIONS: 2

The stewardship field interns will assist in the implementation of the stewardship program for natural areas protected by NCC in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The interns will work independently and with NCC staff, to monitor NCC natural areas across the provinces, compile fauna, flora and ecosystem inventories, engage local residents as conservation volunteers and write and implement natural area management plans. The interns will also assist NCC stewardship staff with volunteer events in PEI and NB.

Specific Responsibilities

- Complete inventories of plants, animals, communities and physical features of NCC sites in NB & PEI;
- Complete monitoring of NB & PEI properties where NCC owns land or holds conservation covenants;
- Map property features and community and rare plant locations;
- Assist with the coordination and delivery of stewardship volunteer activities in PEI and NB;
- Assist with preparation of baseline reports and/or management plans for NCC sites; and
- Assist NCC stewardship staff with ongoing stewardship activities as needed.

Skills and Abilities

This posting is targeted to students possessing the following skills:

- University student entering 3rd or 4th year, or recent graduate with a biology or forestry degree or equivalent experience;
- Demonstrated interest in natural history and land conservation;
- Excellent plant, animal and vegetation community identification skills for NB & PEI, ability to key out unknown plant species;
- Experience working outdoors in various terrains and under various weather conditions;
- Ability to use a GPS;
- Map reading skills to find and navigate properties;

- Ability to work independently, self motivated, superior time management skills, ability to meet deadlines;
- Familiarity with common computer software (word processing, spreadsheets, graphics programs), GIS skills a plus;
- Excellent writing and organization skills;
- Strong communication skills, including ability to interact with the public to convey a conservation message;
- Fluency in English; bilingual a plus;
- Valid Driver's License, with own car or able to rent a car (must be at least 21 years of age to rent).

Terms of Employment

- This is a full-time 16-week (May 10th – August 27th) position. Salary is \$14.25/hour (\$498.75/week).
- Position will be based in Fredericton, NB, with travel throughout NB & PEI for fieldwork, with some overnights and some weekend work. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Applications

Interested applicants should forward their cover letter and resume in English to:

*Laurel Bernard
Director of Stewardship,
Atlantic Region ,
The Nature Conservancy of Canada*

Reference position title: "ATL – NB & PEI Intern"

Closing date: January 29, 2010

Email: atlantic@natureconservancy.ca

NCC is a non-profit, non-advocacy organization that takes a business-like approach to preserving Canada's natural heritage. Our focus is on conservation through private action, and we have a strong track record of partnering with individuals, corporations, community groups, conservation groups and government bodies to create win-win solutions that benefit nature.