

INTERNSHIP: CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP
CODROY VALLEY & MAIN BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND
RED BAY UNESCO SITE, RED BAY & L'ANSE AMOUR, SOUTHERN LABRADOR
BLANC-SABLON, QUEBEC NORTH SHORE

The Quebec-Labrador Foundation is seeking Interns in Conservation Leadership to provide environmental education projects for youth (ages 5 – 19) in these locations: Codroy Valley, Southwest Newfoundland; Main Brook, Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland; Red Bay UNESCO World Heritage Site (former Basque Whaling station), L'Anse Amour; Southern Labrador; and Blanc Sablon, the northern most community on the Quebec North Shore. For decades, QLF has had a presence in these communities. Interns are university undergraduate and graduate students who have academic training and interest in conservation, leadership, ornithology, and conservation biology.

For more than a half-century, QLF has directed environmental education programs for youth in our home region; that is the rural communities of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Maritimes, and the Quebec North Shore. Education and outreach has been a fundamental strategy in meeting QLF's Mission; that is, *to promote global leadership development, to support the rural communities and environment of Eastern Canada and New England, and to create models for stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage that can be shared worldwide.*

In the Codroy Valley and in Main Brook, Newfoundland; in Red Bay and L'Anse Amour, Labrador; and in Blanc Sablon, Quebec, Interns will provide environmental education programs and workshops for youth to encourage their interest in their surrounding environments. The educational programs will focus on shorebirds and seabirds, marine species, marine debris and conservation action. Interns will be asked to write articles on community conservation and youth leadership for regional newspapers.

In addition, Interns will be expected to conduct shorebird and seabird surveys and to implement a conservation project to protect the endangered Piping Plover. The group will also work on the Marine Debris Project, which will evaluate the impact on local fishermen's practices regarding fishing related marine debris. The tasks will include counting specific marine debris, removing them from the beaches and entering the numbers in a database. The Interns will also engage in community beach clean ups. This project involves walking on the beaches for long distances and lifting heavy bags of marine debris.

QLF is seeking both undergraduate and graduate students to fill this Internship. Interns must be willing to work in all kinds of weather conditions including fog, wind, and rain. Fieldwork and academic studies in ornithology, conservation biology, and wildlife conservation are a plus.

Dates of summer Internship: TBD June 2018 – July 2018

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