QUEBEC-LABRADOR FOUNDATION
Call for Biodiversity Conservation Interns, Maritime Program

About QLF
The Quebec-Labrador Foundation is a Registered Charity in Canada and a Not-for-profit Organization in the U.S. with offices in Montreal and Massachusetts. QLF’s program mission is defined in two parts: a regional component (New England and Eastern Canada), and an international component, which ties our regional model to a global network. QLF’s mission is to address pressing environmental issues through community-based conservation programs in eastern Canada and New England, and to share these successful models for Biodiversity Conservation, and the stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage across the globe.

About the Project

Protected Areas Stewardship Program: Conservation and Stewardship of Migratory Birds in New Brunswick

QLF is directing a conservation project to support bird conservation, protected areas stewardship, and raise environmental awareness during the spring/summer of 2020. This project, in its third year of activities, is delivered in partnership with the Nature Trust of New Brunswick; a charitable land conservation organization that conserves privately owned and ecologically significant land in New Brunswick.

The projects key activities include conducting bird, plant and water quality surveys at Nature Trust New Brunswick Nature Preserves, steward workshops for bird species and plant species identification, Nature Preserves clean-ups/restoration projects, and educational workshops with local youth on the topics of climate change, biodiversity loss, marine debris and ornithology.

This project is designed to provide hands-on training in community-based conservation. Interns will gain field experience and skills related to conducting scientific data collection, community engagement, and workshop facilitation. QLF is currently seeking 2-3 Interns for this project, under the direction of a QLF Team Lead. Activities will be carried out in the southwest portion of the province including the communities of Fredericton, Woodstock, Saint John, and across the Kingston Peninsula. The team will be equipped with a vehicle and will travel together / share accommodation for the duration of the project.
Positions:
For this project, we are seeking:
- 1 amateur ornithologist or bird enthusiast
- 1 ‘budding’ plant biologist
- 1 environmental educators

Desired skills and Competencies:
- Assist with data collection, data entry, analysis and reporting as required to develop and implement property management plans.
- Highly motivated, analytical, detail-oriented, creative and proactive thinker
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a dynamic team
- Subject matter expertise (full understanding of climate change, biodiversity loss, and top conservation issues/challenges, etc.)
- Proven experience communicating science/environmental topics and facilitating presentations with proven communication skills (confident in public speaking)
- Working towards a degree in biology, ecology, ornithology, environmental studies or related
- Technical skills (experience with stewardship actions, monitoring duties and surveys, identification of plants, etc.)
- Manual labor skills (ability to work extensive hours in variable weather conditions and terrain, fit for the field)
- Driver’s license considered an asset

Project Logistics:
Dates: Tentatively May 18 – June 06 2020
Location: Woodstock, Fredericton, Kingston Peninsula & Saint John, New Brunswick

Application:
Please submit a CV and cover letter describing your relevant experience and motivation to aschubak@QLF.org by March 1, 2020.

Interviews will be held in March 2020 (interview can be done virtually if required).

Please note this Internship is UNPAID, however, there is no fee to participate and all expenses (food, accommodation, in program travel) will be covered by QLF.