

INTERNSHIPS: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION NORTHERN PENINSULA, NEWFOUNDLAND, LABRADOR STRAITS & QUEBEC NORTH SHORE

For more than a half-century, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation has served the rural communities of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Maritimes, and the Quebec North Shore with marine and freshwater conservation programs that contribute to species recovery and pollution prevention. Training and educating youth for environmental leadership have been a fundamental strategy in meeting QLF's Mission.

QLF is currently seeking 3-4 Interns to be involved in supporting activities to conserve populations of endangered and threatened species and to provide educational workshops to youth in schools and summer programs on the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland and the Labrador Straits. Interns will help monitor populations of several marine mammal species, colonial nesting seabirds, sea ducks, and migratory shorebirds. They will survey scenic rivers and ponds, post signs to prevent human-caused threats to wild Atlantic salmon and trout populations and conduct beach clean-ups to reduce threats to marine species caused by marine debris and plastic waste. Each intern will lead at least two dynamic and motivating workshops on topics from the following list: shorebirds, seabirds, and sea ducks; marine mammals and sea turtles; Atlantic salmon and trout; aquatic macro-invertebrates and river ecology; bats and human interactions; marine debris and plastic waste; climate change and ice conditions; composting; and possibly other topics. Precise topics may change, subject to requirements of funders and partnering organizations. Workshops will include practical information on how people can be good stewards for wildlife and the environment.

Through this project, Interns will learn about the challenges for sustainability of small, rural communities whose economies have historically depended upon resource extraction. As such, community-based values and strategies will be incorporated into both the teaching style and overall experience.

Interns will need to be versatile and capable of performing both conceptual and hands-on tasks, from developing workshops and lesson plans to conducting community shoreline clean-ups. They will be expected to bring a laptop and to meet a deadline for end-of-season report-writing. Interns must be fit for the field and capable of keeping pace with demanding schedules. They must be willing to work in all kinds of weather conditions including fog, wind, and rain; are expected to keep their residences clean and prepare joint meals; are able to walk long distances over rough terrain; step in and out of boats; and easily lift 30-40-pound objects. Above all, QLF is looking for Interns who get along with others, project a positive spirit, and show interest in local communities.

Academic studies in ornithology, conservation biology, wildlife conservation, environmental studies, geography or education are preferred. Prior fieldwork experience or youth educator experience is considered a plus.

*Preferred Language: Must be Fluent in English. French competency an asset but not required.
Approximate dates of Internship: 4 weeks June 16 – July 16, 2021*



Application:

Please submit a CV and cover letter describing your relevant experience and motivation to aschubak@qlf.org by March 1, 2021.

Interviews will be held in March 2021 (interview will be conducted virtually).

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.

