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CALL FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION INTERNS

NORTHERN PENINSULA, NEWFOUNDLAND, LABRADOR STRAITS & QUEBEC NORTH SHORE PROGRAM

About QLF

The Quebec–Labrador Foundation is a registered charity in Canada and a non-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, the stewardship of natural resources, and cultural heritage across the globe.

Project Summary

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 provide educational workshops supporting environmental conservation and the protection of regional endangered and threatened species. Workshops will be delivered primarily to youth in schools and summer programs on the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland and the Labrador Straits. As part of the workshops, each intern will lead numerous dynamic and motivating educational presentations and discussions on topics such as 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 sustainability; and possibly other topics. Workshops will include practical information on how people can be good stewards for wildlife and the environment.

Additional program activities include population monitoring of several marine mammal species, colonial nesting seabirds, sea ducks, and migratory shorebirds. Interns 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.

Through this project, interns will learn about the challenges of sustainability in 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.



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Positions:

For this project, we are seeking:

- 2 environmental educators
- 1 amateur ornithologist or bird enthusiast
- 1 biologist (with studies in sustainability, environment, or marine mammals)

Desired Skills and Competencies:

- Preferred language: must be fluent in English, French competency an asset but not required
- Strong autonomy; Ability to work and manage tasks independently and as a part of a dynamic team
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; must be able to effectively communicate with individuals inside and outside the organization
- Versatile and capable of performing both conceptual and hands-on tasks; from developing workshops and lesson plans to conducting community shoreline clean-ups
- Confident in public speaking; experience conveying science/environmental topics to a broad audience and facilitating youth workshops
- Working towards a degree in education, sustainability, biology, ornithology, environmental studies or related
- Subject matter expertise; full understanding of climate change, biodiversity loss, and top conservation issues/challenges, etc.
- Manual labor skills; ability to work extensive hours in variable weather conditions and terrain, fit for the field, able to enter/exit boats
- Photography skills and experience considered an asset
- Driver's license and first aid training considered an asset

Project Logistics:

Approximate dates: 4 weeks, tentatively June 17 – July 15, 2022

Location: Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland, Labrador Straits, and the Quebec North Shore

Application Timeline:

Applications will be accepted between December 1, 2021 and March 1, 2022. Please submit a CV and cover letter describing your relevant experience and motivation to kgrant@qlf.org.

Interview Timeline:

Interviews will be conducted virtually at the discretion of QLF staff. Applicants could be contacted for interviews anytime following the date of application submission until March 14. Final candidates will be contacted and confirmed in late March 2022.

*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. Additionally, as domestic and international travel require individuals to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, it is also a requirement for participation in QLF internships.*

**In-program travel is defined as the cost of travel within the program dates once participants have reached the field site. For transportation to the field site, the equivalent cost of Airline transport from Montreal, Canada to the field site is covered, any additional fees are the responsibility of the applicant.*



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