

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY THIS SUMMER

K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

Student Native Plant Conservationist (2 positions)

May - August 2020 (16 weeks) 35 hours/week, \$12.50/hour

Job Description

The K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre is a unique educational centre where learning, research, and community come together to promote and practice conservation of the Acadian Forest Region. We are looking for students who are passionate about plants, people and the environment to work on our seasonal crew at the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens.

Student Native Plant Conservationists will gain hands-on experience managing a world-class collection of living plants. In addition to learning about plant preservation, ecological gardening and collection management, students will have the opportunity to improve their presentation and people skills by leading tours and assisting with special events and environmental education programs.

Tasks consist of native plant gardening (including mowing, weeding, mulching, raking, fertilizing, watering, pruning, infrastructure maintenance, pest identification and monitoring), leading public tours, assisting with special events and programs, data recording, seed collection and storage, planting and propagating native species, and invasive species management.

Successful candidates will be required to perform physically demanding tasks, including lifting, digging and moving heavy materials, and must be able to work in a greenhouse environment as well as outside in all weather conditions. We're looking for people who thrive in a diverse and inclusive team-oriented workplace.

- Post-secondary education in Biology, Environmental Science or Horticulture preferred.
- Previous landscaping experience and knowledge of plants and habitats found in the Acadian Forest Region would be an asset.
- Certification in First Aid and a driver's license required.
- WHMIS training and experience with hand and power tools preferred.
- Successful applicants will be required to supply personal safety boots, work gloves and rain gear.
- Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident or a person under the Refugee Protection Act between the ages of 15 30 and eligible for the Canada Summer Jobs Program.



If you are a young person who loves plants, people and the environment, we want to hear from you. Please send a cover letter and résumé by January 13.

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