Employment Opportunity
Summer Student Research Assistant

Fish-WIKS research looks at understanding western and indigenous knowledge systems and explores how the different processes by which knowledge is acquired, transmitted and used can be harnessed to enhance Canadian fisheries policy. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the research aims to identify the commonalities and differences in indigenous knowledge systems across the Pacific, Arctic, Inland and Atlantic regions and in four distinct coastal communities in Canada (Tla-o-qui-aht, British Columbia; Repulse Bay, Nunavut; Nipissing, Ontario; and Eskasoni, Nova Scotia). The project also seeks to understand how indigenous and western knowledge systems can be used to improve the sustainability of Canadian fisheries.

UINR is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Bras d’Or Lakes watershed and its resources. UINR is currently working with Fish-WIKS and requires a summer student to fulfill the need as a research assistant for the Atlantic region component of this project. Specifically, the research assistant will assist the intern from Dalhousie University with their research on Mi’kmaq eel fishing in Eskasoni. There will also be an opportunity to assist UINR with field research in spring and summer of 2014.

Key Responsibilities:
- Phone Calls
- Assist researcher with interviews
- Transcribing
- Assist researcher with mapping
- Administrative duties

Qualifications:
- Enrolled in university, or recently graduated
- Fluency in Mi’kmaq preferred
- Knowledge of eel fishing
- Social science OR natural science background
- Outgoing, with pre-existing community involvement
- Ability to work flexible hours (weekends, evenings) and in inclement weather
- Ability to work independently
- Willingness and openness to learn

Salary Range: $10.40/hr for 40 hours per week for 10 weeks

Duration: May 20 to July 25, 2014

Deadline for application: Friday May 9, 2014 at 4:30 pm

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