

Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society



Job Opportunity: Outreach & Aquatics Assistant

Number of open positions: 1

Wage: \$26.68/hour

Term: 17 weeks, beginning May 6

Hours: Full-time, 30-36 hours per week

Location: Based in Nelson, BC; work sites throughout the Central Kootenay region

Duties and Working Conditions

The Outreach and Aquatics Assistant will support Program Coordinators with invasive species education and outreach programs, and invasive mussel monitoring. Job duties will include: hosting educational display booth at community events and public locations; collection of water samples for lab testing, leading community weed pull events and youth field trips, assisting with website updates, newsletters, press releases and social media posts, iNaturalist projects and communications; distributing invasive species educational resources and signage; creating original content for use in CKISS outreach activities; assisting with virtual and in-person events such as webinars, workshops, and presentations.

The position will include both office and field work, and requires extended and variable hours including weekend, holiday, and some evening work. The Assistant is expected to work outdoors in a wide variety of weather conditions. The position requires good physical fitness, working in and around non-motorized watercraft, and the ability to complete physically demanding tasks including walking long distances, standing for long periods, and/or lifting up to 50 lbs. Extensive driving will be required; a vehicle will be supplied for all job-related travel.

Eligibility

- Must be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or have Refugee Status; and be legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial legislation and regulations. International students are not eligible.
- Valid Level 1 Occupational First Aid, or willing to obtain
- Valid B.C. driver's license, with a clean driving record (3 year abstract and claims history required)
- Depending on funding for this position, the successful applicant(s) may also have to be:
 - a current post-secondary student
 - between the ages of 15-30 years of age at the start of employment

Other Requirements

- Positive, energetic, flexible team player who is self-motivated and comfortable working unsupervised
- At least one year of post-secondary education in a related field (education, communications, environmental science or similar)
- Passion for, and preferably some knowledge of, environmental conservation and knowledge of invasive species
- Experience with operating non-motorized watercraft and outdoor water safety
- Comfortable and confident with public speaking and public engagement; preference given to experience working with youth and/or community groups
- Excellent oral and written communication and social media skills; experience with social media and website content is an asset
- Successful completion of a criminal record check

About CKISS

We are a non-profit society with a mission to protect our ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species. Our small team, along with our Board of Directors, actively works to create a collaborative, respectful (and fun) work environment. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply, and we are committed to a fair hiring process that provides equitable and inclusive employment opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY: Full application instructions are available at www.ckiss.ca

Deadline to apply: 4:00 pm on Feb 23, 2024*

**Apply early! Applications will be reviewed as they're received. Positions may be filled prior to the deadline if an appropriate candidate is found. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. We thank all applicants for their interest.*