

JOB POSTING: SUMMER STUDENT POSITION 2021
Legal Research Assistant

East Coast Environmental Law is an environmental law charity based in Halifax, Nova Scotia that engages in public interest environmental law throughout Atlantic Canada. We have a mandate to encourage the development and fair application of innovative and effective environmental laws in Atlantic Canada through public legal education, collaboration, and legal action. We respond to community inquiries, carry out legal and policy research, and provide educational resources and opportunities to increase public awareness of environmental laws in Atlantic Canada. We also build capacity in the public and among legal practitioners so that we can work together to ensure that environmental laws are effectively used and strengthened.

A core part of our work involves providing free legal information and advice through our Environmental Law Inquiry Service and online Legal Information Library, and we add legal capacity to public interest organizations and community groups by helping them navigate complicated environmental law issues. This includes collaborating with dedicated environmental and social justice organizations throughout the Atlantic region to carry out innovative research, host timely environmental law workshops and events, and organize collectively to take action for environmental and climate justice.

The successful applicant for the Legal Research Assistant position will conduct legal research and analysis to assist staff lawyers with their legal work.

The Legal Research Assistant's responsibilities will include:

- **Legal research and analysis:** conducting research on existing legislation, regulations, case law, and academic publications on select and relevant environmental law topics;
- **Public legal writing:** summarizing and synthesizing legal research by writing, editing, and producing briefs, memos or other written materials. This may include preparation of materials for the public.
- **Collaboration:** communicating and engaging with staff, other students, clients, and collaborators during meetings and calls.
- **Project management and reflection:** checking in with staff, effective timekeeping, and project management, as well as a written reflection (for example, a blog post) summarizing legal research and job experiences.

Qualifications and Job Requirements: This position requires legal research training. The successful applicant will therefore be a current law student or a recent graduate of a law program.

This position is funded through the Canada Summer Jobs program: Applicants must conform to the program's eligibility requirements. Applicants must: be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment; be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* for the duration of the employment; and, have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations. International students are not eligible.

This position is for **eight weeks**, with the anticipated work period running from **June 28th to August 20th, 2021**.

To apply, please send a cover letter and CV (combined into a single PDF document) to admin@ecelaw.ca. Applications should be addressed to Lisa Mitchell, Executive Director and Senior Lawyer.

The application deadline is **Monday, May 24th, 2021 at 5:00 PM**.