

NET-ZERO PROJECTS COORDINATOR - STUDENT INTERN

ORGANIZATION: Foundation for Environmental Stewardship

POSITION: Full-time, seasonal

LOCATION: Anywhere in Canada, this is a virtual, work-from-home position

PAY: \$20/hr

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

START DATE: May 31, 2023 END DATE: August 31, 2023

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The Foundation for Environmental Stewardship (FES), is a youth-led and youth-serving sustainable development organization and Canadian registered charity. As the final generation that can solve climate change, FES empowers young Canadians to create a more inclusive, fair, prosperous, and sustainable future. FES' intended impact is to see to it that by 2030, Canada is implementing adaptation and mitigation strategies compatible with a climate-resilient future, through the influence and action of young leaders. To do so, FES deploys three programs:

The Youth Harbour. A youth-for-youth climate support system that provides financial and technical support for youth-led organizations and youth organizers. Mainly, FES pools philanthropic funds, and redistributes funds to youth, and provides fiscal sponsorship and administrative support. In addition, FES offers various other support services to youth leaders such as branding support, co-working spaces, and coaching.

SDGs LAB. A program geared for educational institutions, to introduce students to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), and its strengths, implications, and compatibility with local contexts.

Net-Zero Climate Solutions Portal: A youth-developed net-zero education program catered for communities in rural and remote areas on topics of net-zero concepts, solutions, and projects. The program serves to educate youth and families on net-zero climate solutions through educators and community partnerships, leading to the implementation of relevant high-impact net-zero projects and climate resilient communities. This project is new and is funded by Environment Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Canada's Net-Zero Advisory Board.



THE POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will play a key role in supporting FES build the Net-Zero Climate Solutions program. Reporting directly to the Program Manager, the Net-Zero Projects Coordinator will primarily be responsible for supporting the Program Manager to create this new project from the ground up, supporting the research of effective net-zero solutions for youth and families to engage with, and creating net-zero project workbooks to be distributed to mobilize implementation of these projects in schools across Canada. The Net-Zero Projects Coordinator will perform research, outreach, partnership management and content development, while also handling some administrative tasks as necessary. Note, this position is dynamic and exciting – meaning that everyday can look different!

Key Responsibilities:

Program Development:

- Assist the Program Manager with identifying 150 net-zero solutions for families and youth in Canada
- Research existing Net-zero project plans that students and educators can replicate/accomplish
- Create educational materials like project plan workbooks and operational plans
- Assist with the creation of the online Net-Zero Project Solutions Portal
- Assist the Program Manager with building out the fellowship program for student net-zero projects

• Partnerships Coordination:

- Research partners in the energy and net-zero sector that would be able to collaborate on the creation of and suggestions for net-zero projects geared towards students
- Assist the Program Manager with finding 10-15 mentors for student net-zero projects
- Connect and liaise with any partners related to the project, maintaining and cultivating relationships with potential supporters.
- Other administrative duties and operations support as they arise.

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential Qualifications*:

- Currently enrolled in post-secondary education.
- Between the ages of 18 to 30 at the start of the job placement.
- Experience (1-2 years) with program coordination and support
- Exceptional skills in leadership, time management, partnership relations
- Experience with, and a robust understanding of, climate science and net-zero principles.



Other Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline, including but not limited to education, environmental sciences, engineering, communications. Upper year undergraduate and master's students seeking a full-time position are also eligible.
- Experience working in educational contexts throughout Canada.
- 1-2 years experience in an administrative role with project management (this can be satisfied through work, internship/co-op, volunteer, and extracurricular activities).
- Demonstrated interest in relevant domains (ie. sustainability, education, youth engagement and action) is considered an asset.
- Proficient with using word-processing, database and spreadsheet software (most notably Microsoft Office suite, Google Docs and Excel).
- Experience working with Slack and Monday.com, highly preferred.

Skills and Competencies:

- Eager to be in a fast-paced, entrepreneurial environment with a high learning curve.
- A self-starter able to take initiative on responsibilities with minimal supervision; proven ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; demonstrating a positive attitude to work effectively and collaboratively with colleagues in a virtual environment.
- Ability to speak, write, and communicate in French is a strong asset.

To apply for this position, please send a copy of your resume and cover letter (PDF) to admin@FESplanet.org with your name and the job title as the subject. Your application should address how you meet most or all of the requirements listed under "Other Qualifications" and "Skills and Competencies." This position is open until filled. Review begins on May 12, 2023.

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