



Summer Employment Opportunity

Permaculture Technician



The Galiano Conservancy Association seeks a highly motivated individual for the position of Permaculture Technician. This position is a 16-week full-time internship that offers engaging work and an opportunity to gain career skills in the beautiful setting of Galiano Island from May – August, 2018.

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Number of Positions: 1; *Position is conditional on securing Canada Summer Job Funding*

Start date: Early May, 2018 **Wage:** \$16.50/hour **Hours:** 35/week (full-time)

As a Permaculture Technician, you will work with the Agriculture Coordinator to care for and operate the nursery, forest garden and related projects. Candidates with experience in organic gardening, and an understanding of the seasonal needs of a garden are encouraged to apply.

You will work directly with experienced Galiano Conservancy staff and your duties may include:

- Propagation and care for native plants
- Soil building and soil care
- Caring for the forest garden and operation of a mechanical/computerized watering system
- Garden harvesting
- Bokashi composting
- Identification of native species and forest garden plants
- Removal of invasive exotic vegetation from protected areas
- Monitoring ecological responses to restoration activities
- Assisting with trail building
- Assisting with Species at Risk monitoring and inventory programs
- Native plant and forest garden (including added value) sales at Saturday market
- Writing articles for publication in our local community magazine and for our social media outlets
- Research and review of related literature in permaculture
- Public speaking at community events and to Conservancy user groups



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You will gain skills and experience in most, if not all, the following areas:

- Propagation of native plants and forest garden species
- Operations of a mechanical computerized watering system
- Composting systems and applications
- Identifying native and exotic species, including species at risk
- Understanding of the affects of forestry and recreational activities on ecosystems
- Working as part of a team with restoration ecologists and environmental interpreters
- Group facilitation with children, youth and adults
- Public relations at local public events
- Communications including oral presentations and writing for print and online (social media)
- Conducting research and literature review
- Working in remote and rugged field conditions

Requirements:

This position will require physical, social, and intellectual work. The candidate must demonstrate a capacity for leadership, the ability to work as part of a team, and a willingness to learn and engage themselves in hard work. Applicants must be prepared to move to Galiano for the summer, spend long hours outside doing physical labour, and be available for work on weekends. The applicant must have current Standard First Aid, or be willing to obtain it before coming to Galiano. Position is pending funding from Canada Summer Jobs and students must meet the Canada Summer Jobs criteria and must be eligible to work in Canada, a full-time student in a post-secondary institution, between the ages of 15-30, and plan to return to full-time studies in the fall. A criminal record check will be required, and will be arranged upon arrival. The Conservancy operates on a variety of locations throughout the island and this positions will be required to have transportation in order to work at these varying locations. A class 5 driver's license is required and a vehicle is a strong asset. They will have knowledge of the various uses of native plants and cultivated species and an understanding of how to market and sell related products.

Assets:

Experience in organic gardening, and permaculture practices is an asset and students with a connection to Galiano will be given preference. A background in Permaculture, Environmental Studies, Biology, Geography, Restoration of Natural Systems, Conservation, Forestry, Environmental Education or other complimentary field is desirable. Direct experience in any of the skills mentioned for this position, particularly a demonstrated capacity for working in remote field conditions, is an asset.

To apply: send in a cover letter and resume to tanya.inglis@galianoconservancy.ca

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