



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 through August.

Permaculture Technician

Start date: May 3, 2021

Wage: \$17.40/hr

Hours: 35/week

Duration: 16 weeks

As Permaculture Technician, you will work independently and in a team on a variety of projects related to sustainable food systems. Primarily, you will be responsible for assisting the Agriculture Coordinator to operate an active plant nursery and forest garden (food forest), and their associated social enterprises.

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

- Propagation and care for native and edible plants
- Soil building and soil care
- Caring for the forest garden and operation of a mechanical/computerized watering system
- Garden harvesting
- Harvesting, processing and blending herbs for tea
- Maintenance and operation of demonstration-scale compost systems
- Identification of native species and forest garden plants
- Removal of invasive exotic vegetation from protected areas
- Native/edible plant and forest garden (including added value) sales at Saturday market
- Writing articles and posts for print and web publication
- Public speaking at community events and to visiting groups
- Assisting with restoration activities and monitoring resulting ecological responses
- Assisting with trail building, Species at Risk monitoring and education programs



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Employment Opportunity

Permaculture Technician

SPRING/SUMMER 2021

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

- Propagation of native plants and forest garden species
- Operation 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 writing for print and online (including 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 independently, and a willingness to learn and engage themselves in hard work. Applicants must be prepared to move to Galiano for May through August, 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 wage subsidy funding, and to meet the funding criteria, students must be eligible to work in Canada and be between the ages of 15 and 30. A criminal record check may be required, and will be arranged before arrival. Because the Galiano Conservancy conducts activities at a variety of locations throughout Galiano Island, a class 5 driver's license is required and access to a reliable personal vehicle/transportation is strongly preferred.

Assets:

Students with a connection to Galiano will be given preference. A background in Environmental Studies, Agriculture, Biology, Geography, Restoration of Natural Systems, Conservation, Environmental Education or other complimentary field is desirable. Direct experience in any of the skills mentioned for this position is an asset, as is a demonstrated knowledge of the various uses of native plants and cultivated species and an understanding of how to market and sell related products.

To apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to jobs@galianoconservancy.ca by noon on Friday, February 26th 2021 using the following file naming templates: *SURNAME_FIRSTNAME-CoverLetter.pdf*
SURNAME_FIRSTNAME-Resume.pdf

For more information: Phone 250-539-2424 or visit our website: www.galianoconservancy.ca