

Internship Opportunity with BRUNSWICK-TOPSHAM LAND TRUST Summer 2024

POSITION:	Environmental Intern
LOCATION:	Brunswick, Maine, USA. In-person internship: intern is expected to intern at the host organization office location.
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) conserves and stewards vital natural areas, supports a vibrant local food system, and connects people with the natural world through inclusive education and recreation programs. Our goal is to protect natural resources, cultivate care for the natural world, and in so doing, foster resilient, connected communities now and for generations to come. In 2023, BTLT merged with Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA), a nonprofit—co-founded by McGill alum John Wasileski—that provides nature-based education for schools, operates a nature immersion summer day camp, and runs community programs. The Intern will support all Land Trust programs and activities, including educational programs, conservation and stewardship, and agriculture-related work. The intern will be based at BTLT’s office in Brunswick, Maine, but work will involve travel within a 20-mile radius. Please see BTLT’s website for more information.</p>
INTERN’S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support nature-based science and education for school groups, families, adults, and CREA summer day campers. - Support field work and trail work on BTLT properties alongside the stewardship team. - Support the operation of BTLT’s Saturday Farmers’ Market. - Assist with BTLT’s Community Garden projects, workdays, and events. - Assist with operation of the Ecology Center and management projects on the Cathance River Nature Preserve. - Assist with general organizational tasks including events, outreach, development and fundraising, communications and social media, etc. - Develop and carry out an Independent Project. <p>Possible Independent Projects that the intern may undertake include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide nature-based programming for a community partner organization. - Develop a Junior Ranger book to guide youngsters in exploration of the Preserve and other BTLT trails. - Develop educational activities that teach children about nature, sustainability, or local food systems. - Create short videos for social media or articles for the blog featuring natural history, sustainability, BTLT’s volunteers, or the organization’s programs and impact. - Develop and carry out a research project at the Preserve or on another BTLT property. <p>We welcome other ideas!</p> <p><i>Interns’ duties and projects may vary from the above depending on the needs of the host organization and the intern’s interests.</i></p>
HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:	<p>Intern must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a strong interest and academic experience in the natural sciences, conservation, or a related field. Prior experience with hands-on, place-based education, agricultural work, or sustainability is helpful. - Be flexible, cooperative, dependable, and punctual. - Possess the ability to work independently on multiple tasks as well as the desire to collaborate with staff members, other summer interns, and community organizations. - Be comfortable working and communicating with people of all ages, from young children to seniors. - Enjoy working outdoors and be comfortable participating in messy or dirty tasks. The experience may include hiking 2-4 miles over varied terrain, standing for long periods of time, bending and kneeling, and/or lifting up to 30 pounds.

HOURS:	Flexible hours, with occasional work on early mornings and weekends (300 hours total)
DATES:	8 - 10-week period between May 6 and July 26, 2024
RENUMERATION:	\$4,800 CAD issued to the intern through a Faculty of Arts Internship Award.
HOW TO APPLY:	Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form available on the AIO website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/internships/postings
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	February 11, 2024
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full time McGill Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A., MSW, MIS) - Minimum CGPA of 2.7* - Returning to McGill in the same program in the fall semester following the internship - Fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Interns Handbook https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/resources - Provide proof of medical insurance for duration of internship
COSTS:	The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, etc.
TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:	Pre-Departure Orientation is mandatory for students applying to internships that require travel outside of Canada. You will be required to download the certificate of completion in your application.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	Preparing travel arrangements to and from the internship host organization is the responsibility of the intern.
ACCOMMODATIONS:	Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern but BTLT will assist with this.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:	Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations. <u>The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.</u>
CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS:	U.S. CITIZEN

Please Note:

**If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents/comments will be taken into consideration.*

We will get back to you shortly after the deadline if you are selected for an interview. The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s). Students who do not receive offers will be notified on a rolling basis as decisions are made.