

Job Posting: Arctic Climate Intern

Climate Action Network Canada – Réseau action climat Canada seeks an enthusiastic individual to assist with efforts to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change in Canada's North and the steps that need to be taken to avoid dangerous climate change and address ongoing impacts. This full-time, six month internship will be based out of Ottawa. We are especially interested in applications from young Canadians of Northern aboriginal descent.

Climate Action Network Canada along with the Arctic Athabaskan Council, Ecology North, Gwich'in Council International, and the Pembina Institute have been collaborating on northern climate change policy and the ongoing international climate change negotiations. The successful applicant will be supporting the overall efforts of this group. Specific projects that the intern will assist with include: supporting Young Leaders' efforts to engage their communities and decision makers on the topic of climate change, helping to create awareness of climate change impacts in the north, and helping to promote action to address climate impacts in the North and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Preference will be given to applicants who have previously engaged in climate change work, such as the Northern Young Leaders Summit (2009), with the above organizations.

What Can this Internship Offer You?

This internship provides a hands-on opportunity to work with some of Canada's leading organizations that are working on climate change - one of the greatest challenges of our time. Climate Action Network Canada – as the host organization – is a coalition of more than 50 organizations from across the country working together to prevent catastrophic climate change and promote sustainable and equitable solutions. CAN-Rac is the only network in Canada that brings labour, development, faith-based and indigenous groups together with national and provincial environmental organizations in a united effort to fight global warming.

This internship will provide opportunities to apply a wide range of skills and perspectives to your work. There are opportunities to advance and implement your own ideas that help communicate the costs of climate change in the North to decision makers in the south. In addition to working with leading NGOs, there are also opportunities to work with fellow young leaders who are passionate about these issues.

Qualifications:

- Candidates should be working towards university or college degrees/diplomas or be recent graduates.
- An interest in climate change.
- Communicates effectively verbally and in writing.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, and public relations skills.

- Establishes and maintains good working relationships.
- Ability to prepare and maintain records, reports, correspondence.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office, specifically Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Strong organization and time management skills.

Job Duties:

- Research and report writing.
- Outreach to northern leaders and communities.
- Promote the work of the northern indigenous groups and environmental groups that make-up the coalition.
- Administrative support for the coalition's various projects.

Assets:

- Fluent in additional languages.
- Experience working with indigenous leaders and/or youth.
- Knowledge of Canadian or international climate policy.

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Job classification: 5 days per week for 6 months.

Compensation: \$2800/month.

Start date: No later than the end of April

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume via email to Montana Burgess at:

mburgess@climateactionnetwork.ca.

We thank all who apply, and will only contact those chosen for an interview. No telephone inquiries please. **Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 12, 2010 at 16:00 EST.**