

## 2017 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERN

*Purpose:* To provide a recent University graduate or graduate student with the opportunity to access a high level of professional on the job training required to transition into permanent professional career opportunities. ICET interns will have the opportunity to refine their communication, project management, research, and analytical skills as they build relationships and networks with communities, First Nations, and non profit groups.

To provide the region with skilled, motivated, fully trained economic development professionals, ready to move into entry level positions related to economic development and community development.

*Employer:* The Island Coastal Economic Trust was established by the Province of BC, to grow and diversify the regional economy through targeted funding programs for communities, non profits and First Nations.

*Job Description:* Economic Development Interns will be provided with targeted training as well as networking and relationship building opportunities. Mentorship will be provided by ICET staff and expert consultants, and the intern will have the opportunity to interact with a broad range of regional partners including local government officials and staff, economic development professionals, First Nations, non profits, provincial government and other stakeholders.

The intern will be expected to complete a number of term assignments which will require independent work and the management of multiple projects and deadlines, under the supervision and mentorship of ICET staff.

### *Self-directed projects*

- Provide direct support services such as research, grant writing, project development or planning support, business retention and expansion activities to a variety of community initiatives throughout the ICET region.
- Support the development of community profiles
- Conduct project impact measurement of completed projects

### *Support for ICET operations*

- Manage web updates and help develop social media content
- Support the development of communication materials
- Provide support for the project application and assessment process
- Provide assistance with project management
- Help organize and participate in Board Meetings and Regional Advisory Committee meetings
- Participate in client, stakeholder and partner meetings as required
- General administrative tasks as required

*Job Location:* Courtenay, BC with occasional travel to other communities

*Job Duration:* 8 months from May 2017 to December 2017

*Salary:* \$3000 per month, 35 hours per week

*Qualifications:* The successful candidate will be:

- Recent University graduate or graduate student who has fully completed all degree requirements prior to start of internship
- Graduate of a relevant degree program (Business, Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, Community development etc.)
- Interested in economic development
- Confident and able to work independently
- Strong technical writer and researcher
- Effective communicator with strong interpersonal skills

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have lived or worked in the ICET region
- Have in-depth knowledge of the regional economy
- Are committed to establishing a career in the ICET region

All applicants should submit a current resume, references and cover letter outlining their career aspirations, how this job can assist them in meeting their career goals as well as specify any particular skills and expertise which they can bring to the job.

Successful applicants must have a valid BC drivers licence and be able to relocate to Courtenay BC for the term of employment. Once hired, applicants must agree to a criminal record check and to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Documents should be sent in PDF format, by March 20<sup>th</sup> to:

Denice Regnier, Corporate and Project Administrator: [info@islandcoastaltrust.ca](mailto:info@islandcoastaltrust.ca)

Inquiries should be directed to the above by email or by phone at 250-871-7797 (ext 230)

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