BCCF is looking for up to four student technicians to work under the mentorship and guidance of an experienced biologist on the Canadian Wildlife Service property on Westham Island (Delta). This work can be physically challenging and labour-intensive but provides valuable hands-on experience and networking opportunities for any student wishing to pursue a career in the environmental field. The number of positions available is SUBJECT TO FUNDING.

The student technicians will work in the field on various habitat management and conservation tasks in a sensitive ecosystem, including:

- Removing invasive plant species
- Mapping of habitats using GPS
- Data entry
- Assisting with installation of signage
- Assisting with inspection and repair of fences
- Sampling and researching various species including birds, snakes, invertebrates, amphibians and other species
- Assisting with projects contributing to the management of Alaksen National Wildlife Area and Sea Island Conservation Area
- Assisting with ongoing plant and animal research, with a focus on bird and amphibian surveys and identification
- Conducting other biodiversity inventory or management works
- Assisting with Spartina and bulrush surveys
- Ensuring the area is kept safe and clean
- Ensuring educational information is available to public visiting area

Terms

- 37.5 hours/week, Monday to Friday
- Anticipated start date: May 21st, 2019
- Duration: 15 weeks
- Rate of pay: $14/hour

Qualifications

- Pursuing a post-secondary education in the natural sciences
- Willingness and previous experience working outdoors in all weather conditions (either volunteer or paid)
- Knowledge of local flora and fauna
- Knowledge of local birds, particularly riparian/terrestrial birds, is an asset
- Experience with data entry and Arc-GIS are considered strong assets

Mandatory Requirements

- Applicants must meet the Canada Summer Job student criteria as follows - be a Canadian citizen between the ages of 15 and 30 years old. These criteria are set by the funding source for the project and therefore we cannot hire anyone that does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- Applicants must have means to get to/from the work site daily (Westham Island in Delta, BC) as no public transit is available in the area.
- WSBC Level 1 First Aid Certification is required.
- Available for the entire work term
- Technicians are required to provide their own personal outdoor work gear which includes items such as:
sturdy above ankle work boots, rain gear and sun protection. BCCF will provide personal protective safety gear as required for the tasks.

- Upon hiring, a criminal record check is required. The costs associated with obtaining this background check are incurred by the successful applicants ONLY.

To apply for this job:
Please submit a cover letter and resume in .pdf format using the form below. Include your first and last name in the file name. Due to the high volume of applicants we receive, only those that are selected for interviews will be contacted.

No phone calls or emails please!

Closing date: May 5th, 2019