



<u>Job Opportunity:</u> Invasive Species Technician - Summer Internship

PEI Invasive Species Council in partnership with Invasives Canada

Location: Prince Edward Island (combination of home office and field work)

Duration: Temporary, full time for 15 weeks

Hours: 37.5/week

Salary: \$18/hour (pending funding)

Start Date: May 26, 2025

Application Deadline: May 14, 2025

Number of positions: 2

Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period.

About Us

The **PEI Invasive Species Council** (PEIISC) is a non-profit group of individuals and organizations focused on creating a framework for the management of invasive species that threaten PEI's economic, environmental, and social health.

Invasives Canada is the national voice and hub to protect Canada from the impacts of invasive species. With members and chapters from all corners of Canada, along with governments and businesses, Invasives Canada brings people together to build practical solutions to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Job Description & Responsibilities:

In this environmental conservation position you will work as part of the PEIISC team to help carry out important work that will move invasive species initiatives forward. Work completed will benefit PEI ecosystems, rural and urban forests, Island waterways, and species at risk as well as raise public awareness about invasive species (IS).

We are looking for a highly motivated individual to join our team to assist in the coordination of local projects and initiatives which will work towards preventing the spread and impact of invasive species, resulting in a more resilient landscape in our forested and aquatic areas. This is an opportunity to protect PEI's natural areas with the benefits of working from home and in the field. Bring your own ideas and use your collaborative skills to make PEIISC projects successful.

Specific Responsibilities Include:

- Follow work plan, summarize activities, and provide updates to the PEIISC Coordinator as requested.
- Support technical staff in surveying efforts for invasive species across PEI in the forest and on the water.
- Support technical staff in monitoring efforts for invasive insects using specialized tools.
- Assist with the management and control of invasive species in high priority areas.
- Work with PEIISC staff to provide educational opportunities to watershed groups, conservation groups, municipalities, schools, and the public on invasive species.
- Assist with the development of resources for priority invasive species on prevention of introduction and spread, identification, and management.
- Working closely with PEIISC staff, partner with other organizations to help to reduce the spread of invasive species on PEI through collaborative management and surveying activities.
- Assist with work on the Early Detection and Rapid Response framework for PEI.
- Assist with web and social media content for the PEIISC to increase awareness of invasive species on PEI.

Qualifications and Skills:

- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multitask in a busy work environment.
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback.
- Ability to work in the field, use hand tools, navigate trails, and record field notes.
- Ability to work in variable weather conditions/terrain and travel long distances on foot.
- Experience working on the water and operating a vessel (canoe, kayak).
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental sector is considered an asset.
- Attending or graduated from a recognized post-secondary institution in a field of study related to natural resources/environmental sciences/conservation, or equivalent work experience.
- Understanding of biology and environmental sciences related to invasive species and their impact on ecosystems and ecosystem processes.
- Excellent oral/written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong computer and social media skills.
- Attention to detail with good organizational skills.
- Creative problem solver, quick learner, ability to consider a variety of viewpoints.
- Curious and self-motivated with the ability to work independently or as part of a team.
- Able to work occasional weekends and weekday evenings.
- Valid drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle.

To apply:

Send your cover letter, resume, and references to the Prince Edward Island Invasive Species Council c/o coordinator@peiinvasives.org no later than **May 14, 2025**, with 'Invasive Species Intern' as the subject line.