

ABEGWEIT PEI (UELAC) BRANCH, CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

Summer Intern for Abegweit (PEI) Branch, UELAC

Objectives to be achieved Seeking student with strong research skills and potentially a specialization in Economics, Commerce or Business Administration, Public Administration.

Project or activity description: Prince Edward Island's colonial economic model was known as the Wood, Wind and Sail model. With the influx of a large United Empire Loyalist population from the United States industries greatly expanded and other industries were created. This project seeks to gather data on Prince Edward Island's primary colonial industries gleaned from historical documents and to attribute what percentage of the colonial GDP was derived from the United Empire Loyalists and their children and grandchildren for the period of 1780-1850. For the purpose of this portion of the study, the research will be confined to the decades of 1780-1810.

Job Activities/Duties include:

1) Conducting a literature search, Identify the industries associated with Wood, Wind and Sail for the period 1780 – 1810.

Wood (The Raw Material): The Island was covered in dense, old-growth forests (oak, pine, and spruce). Clearing this land was necessary for farming, but instead of burning the trees, settlers used them as a "cash crop."

Sail (The Manufacturing): PEI became a massive outdoor shipyard. They didn't just sell the wood; they added value by turning it into ships. These ships were often loaded with timber or farm goods, sailed to Britain, and then sold along with their cargo.

Wind (The Energy & Trade): Before steam engines, wind was the only way to move goods. PEI used its fleet to participate in the "Carrying Trade," transporting fish, wheat, and timber to the West Indies and Europe in exchange for rum, sugar, and manufactured goods.

- Conducting a literature search identify lesser-known industrial components forming a part of Prince Edward Island GDP.
 - Manufacturing brickmaking, stonemasons, gravestones, carriage-makers, chandleries, blacksmiths, gunsmiths, lumber mills, grist mills, kilns, shingle mills)
 - Clothiers & millineries: Hat makers, wool & yarn manufacture, fur coats, glove-makers, shoemakers, watchmakers, dressmakers)
 - Transportation (road construction, bridge construction, wharves, breakwaters, ferries, etc.)
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- Public Building construction (Churches, schools, markets, hospitals, stores, warehouses, community halls, taverns, hotels. Carriage houses, governance structures, parks, theatres)
- Private Residences (house and building construction, orchards, etc.)
- Military Expenditures (including barracks, supplies, weapons,)
- Hunting (geese, ducks, pigeons, seals, whales) and Trapping: (beaver, muskrat, bear, etc.)
- Sustenance fishing: (eel-fishery, clams, oysters, mussels, trout, salmon, smelts)

* The Research student may also be required to look up land title documents and certain documents relating to a specific Loyalist or family member from time to time.

Education and Skills Required: The successful candidate should be a 2nd, 3rd or 4th year/graduate post-secondary student who is enrolled in a relevant field of study with specialization in Economics, Commerce or Business Administration or Public Administration. S/He should be returning to school in the fall term. The candidate must be a self-starter who can work independent to achieve weekly goals and should have good oral and written communication skills, be proficient in MS Word, MS Excel and MS Office. A laptop is required, and we will provide an external hard drive for data storage.

Duration including start and end date and total weeks: 12 weeks, from June 2nd – August 21, 2026

Rate of Pay (Hourly) \$17.00/hour plus vacation pay, 35 hours per week

Interested individuals may send their cover letter and resume to Kevin Wisener, Branch President, at pres.pei.uelac@gmail.com and copied to Jayne Leake, Treasurer, at jayne.leake@gmail.com

Application Deadline: April 24, 2026 or until position filled

***Contact with applicants will be by email**