

## Wildlife Care and Research Assistant



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### Atlantic Wildlife Institute

May-August

35 hours/week

\$14/hour

[Atlantic Wildlife Institute](#) is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife that has been displaced as a result of human encroachment on natural ecosystems. AWI is a private, registered charitable organization created in 1996. Our wildlife work, licensed and permitted through the NB Dept. of Natural Resources, Canadian Wildlife Service and Environment and Climate Change Canada, allows us to contribute both to scientific knowledge on the causes and effects of environmental stress and to public awareness of the essential link between ecosystem health and human well-being. Our services include the care of injured, ill and displaced wildlife with the goal of returning them to their natural habitats as wild and healthy animals. As well, testing is done on those animals that do not survive the rehabilitation process in order to learn more about the causes of disease.

The summer intern will be assisting with the care of numerous species of native wildlife (avian, mammal and reptile) that are displaced due to injury, illness or separation/removal from a parent. This is a physically and mentally demanding position, but extremely rewarding.

#### Job tasks and responsibilities

- The intern will be responsible for assisting with the following:
- Daily care of wildlife patients
- Providing hands on feeding for infant and young orphans
- Providing necessary food and water requirements for adult patients
- Correctly formulating species appropriate diets for both young and adult animals
- Measurements, weights of animals as needed
- Assisting with triage procedures, wound and pain management
- Cleaning, sanitizing of animal units
- Habitat enrichment for patients
- Data entry of wildlife patients
- Potential research into new techniques of animal handling, diets, wound and emergency management
- Site maintenance and upkeep (ie. Lawn mowing, exterior/interior painting, etc.)
- Transport and release of wildlife patients
- Travel for supply, feed and veterinary services

#### Qualifications:

- Students studying or interest in any of the following fields: wildlife biology, veterinary medicine, conservation, environmental studies, geography, history and the arts.
- Driver license and/or own transportation to and from site
- Takes instructions well, work well with others and as an individual
- Availability to work potential weekend and/or evening shifts
- Able to lift up to 50 lbs (23 kgs)

- Current Tetanus shots
- Able to work in summer conditions (heat, humidity, weather)
- Familiar with data entry, computer, social media
- Full disclosure on potential allergies and sensitivities (environmental, food)
- Familiarity with regional wildlife species, identifications, natural history an asset
- Current Rabies shot or titer check is an asset

To apply, please submit a targeted cover letter and resume (as one pdf document) to [careers@mta.ca](mailto:careers@mta.ca) by *January 31, 2020*.