Co-op Making an Impact at Transport Canada

By Jennie MacDonald

This past summer seven Co-op students, from biology, computer science, and business were successfully employed within various Transport Canada departments. Students were hired after a round of interviews that were conducted on campus as part of the first annual Federal Government Career Fair.

From left to right: Josie-Ann LeBlanc, BSc BIOL, Muhammad Bhatda, BBA, Logan Murphy, BSc CSCI, and Kyra Keough, BBA—Transport Canada's Lunch with StFX Students

During their work terms, students participated in a formal student orientation, where they were welcomed to Transport Canada , learned more about working for the Federal Government, and offered the opportunity to meet the Deputy Minister and ask questions.

The Federal Government is hosting the second annual career fair on campus this year, on **October 11th, 2018, Location: MacNeil Gallery, Second Floor, Schwartz Building, Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

The Government wants to meet students interested in new graduate and summer opportunities. **Don't miss it!** :

HIGHLIGHTS

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Students on Work Term

First Student at Halifax Stanfield

Paul MacLellan, BBA Adv. Major Accounting Co-op was the first StFX student to complete a work term at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Paul worked as a Financial Analyst, where he prepared Excel worksheets for the upcoming budget and assisted in payroll processing. "Working at Halifax Stanfield International Airport is an experience I will never forget. It has taught me to be confident ." *-Paul MacLellan*

StFX Extension Innovation and Enterprise Centre's first GIVE Camp

Kelsey Bowman, BBA Major Finance Co-op (far right), was instrumental in planning, organizing and launching the first GIVE camp this past summer. GIVE stands for Girls in Venture and Entrepreneurship and is a two-day camp focusing on teaching young girls about entrepreneurship to the real world .

Antigonish Art Fair

Morgan Hamilton (second from left), fourth year BSc Human Nutrition Co-op, completed her last work term with the Antigonish Art Fair. Morgan was instrumental in the launch of the Art House, which opened up this summer to provide art education to youth in the area.

Cabot Links

Robert Sinclair, BBA Major Accounting Co-op, completed his first work term at Cabot Links. Robert worked as an Accounting Intern and through this position was able to develop his technical and interpersonal skills. "The work I was doing was integral to Cabot's internal operations, and this reason, along with positive support and encouragement from my managers and coworkers, gave me immense amounts of motivation."
- Robert Sinclair

24 Months of Work Experience

Rae Fox, BBA Adv. Major Marketing Co-op

Rae Fox, fourth year BBA Adv. Major Marketing Co-op, recently completed 24 months of co-op work experience. Rae capitalized on an opportunity to work at Husky Energy and expand her skill set and is now taking five years to complete here degree.

While enrolled in the Co-op Education program, Rae completed four months as a Land Administration Assistant with MEG Energy, four months as a Marketing Intern with RBR, four months as a Marketing Coordinator with the Calgary Stampede, and 12 months as a Data Analyst with Husky Energy.

Throughout her time in the co-op program, Rae was willing to take risks and try new things. When Rae enrolled in the Co-op program, she planned a career in marketing. During her position at Husky Energy, she discovered a passion for data analytics, and has adjusted her career aspirations to pursue this field.

"*This experience* changed my entire perception on how powerful information can be and gave me insight into the power of data analytic tools ."
- Rae Fox

During the 12 month term with Husky, Rae experienced a more in-depth work experience. She was afforded time to fully integrate into the team and was designated as the project manager on a major project.

Rae is currently working for Husky Energy, remotely, while she completes her last year of study and plans on continuing with the company as a new graduate.

International Student Success in Co-op

By Syahrul Anwar Jamaludin

Syahrul Anwar Jamaludin, fourth year BSc Human Nutrition Co-op—Community Food Program Coordinator, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Through the co-op program I successfully completed 12 months of work experience. During my first work term, I held the role of Community Food Program Coordinator for the Gettin' Healthy project, a Public Health initiative spearheaded by the Nova Scotia Health Authority in Cumberland County. During this position, I focused on local community food connections and enhancement of food environments in recreation and other settings of the community. The position also required me to actively participate in local summer activities and continuously collaborate with the local committees and partners of the project.

> *The Co-op Education program was one of the best decisions I've ever made during my undergrad at StFX University. This program has allowed me to grow in so many ways. I strongly look forward to using the skills I earned during the past 12-month towards my application for the Integrated Dietetic Internship program.*
> *—Syahrul Anwar Jamaludin*

As an International student and someone who had never worked in a Canadian work environment, I had some doubts about my ability to perform well in this position. Fortunately, with the support of my supervisor, I successfully transitioned to work and was able to quickly become accustomed to the roles and responsibilities of this position. Through this position, I worked directly under the supervisor of a dietitian and developed a great perspective of what it is like to be part of a Canadian workplace and learned more about community health in Canada.

For my second work term, I was hired as a Marketing Communications and Events Coordinator with the StFX Extension Innovation and Enterprise Centre. The primary role of this position was to build a better profile for the centre within the StFX student community. Through this position, I was frequently challenged, received support and guidance from my supervisor, and became more independent in handling and completing tasks . Consequently, I was offered to continue working with the centre for another four months.

Through the Co-op Education Program, I was provided with rich learning opportunities outside the classroom, which strengthened my learning and development that I applied to my academic studies.

Left to right: Syahrul Anwar Jamaludin, BSC HNU Co-op & Mitch Allen, BBA Coop

Matthew Donato, (third from left) BBA Adv. Major Entrepreneurship Co-op

Co-op Student Secures A UK Work Term

Matthew Donato secured an eight month work term in Bedfordshire, UK through effective networking. Through this experience Matthew learned more about himself as a professional and discovered a passion for sales.

Matthew utilized the knowledge and skills learned through courses at StFX University and applied them to the real world. He also learned about himself as an emerging professional and what it takes to be successful in a new country.

" Upon the completion of my third and final co-op term, I feel a lot more confident in myself as both a student and as a young professional"
-Matthew Donato

During the second work term, Matthew explored other areas of the company, outside of sales. He was given the responsibility to assist with the design and construction of the new company website and to improve the company's social media presence. In addition, he learned how to use the accounting system and developed an understanding of the purchasing process.

For Matthew, the most fantastic outcome from his co-op experience is that he secured full-time employment with The Magic Touch as a new grad.

Summer Work Term

STATISTICS

- 100% employed for summer work term
- 26 students out on work term

EMPLOYERS

- The Magic Touch
- National Capital Commission
- StFX Extension Department
- Husky Energy
- Unilever
- Cabot Links
- IBM
- Halifax Stanfield
- Transport Canada
- Hydro Ottawa
- Cabot Shores
- Schwartz Levitsky Feldman
- StFX Campus Store
- StFX IT Department
- Antigonish Art Fair
- StFX Residence Services
- Sobeys
- Child and Family Psychology Services
- J.D. Irving

POSITIONS

- Marketing & Communications Coordinator
- External Sales Coordinator
- Research Assistant
- Accounting Intern
- Customer Service Representative
- Marketing Intern
- Students Facilities and Asset Management Coordinator
- Project Management
- Recruiter
- Data Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Consultant
- And many more…

Contributing to Community

Far right: Robert Murray, BBA Leadership in Management Co-op

Robert Murray, BBA Major in Leadership & Administration Co-op, completed his last work term with J.D. Irving in Dieppe, Moncton, as a Recruiter in Human Resources.

Throughout his time in Co-op, Robert was able to try a variety of positions with various companies, such as Ledcor Group, where is worked in sales, and with Sodexo, where he worked as a Marketing Intern.

"Having a hand in connecting top talent with their future careers was one of the most rewarding aspects of recruiting. As I approach graduation and begin to launch my own career, HR is an area I am going to pursue." -Robert Murray

Before starting this placement, Robert had seriously considered Human Resources as a main focus after graduation, and this position with J.D. Irving had confirmed his passion for HR.

During this placement Robert worked on onboarding projects and created marketing materials that are now shared with all potential hires.

While working at J.D. Irving, Robert sought opportunities to get involved. Pictured above, Robert and his team volunteered at the United Way Day of Caring to help prepare the community garden for the next growing season.

Through co-op, Robert was fortunate to work in sales, marketing and human resources, which provided an opportunity to travel across Canada. We are excited to see where these experiences take him next!

Ever Considered Working for the Government of Canada?

Forbes' List of Canada's Best Employers in 2018 included several federal government organizations, including Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the Canada Border Services Agency. Take your pick – whether you want to work as a heritage presenter at a national historic site, a marine biologist or protecting Canada's borders – there are exciting careers within the federal public service to suit numerous interests and lifestyles.

The Post-Secondary Recruitment Campaign (PSR) occurs on GC Jobs every fall and is targeted to matching college or university graduates to various opportunities in the federal public service. Whether you are a recent graduate or already have real world experience under your belt, you could kick start your public service career through this campaign.

PSR 101

1. Applicants apply to a specific job or an inventory in a given field.

   - This year's opportunities include jobs at the Public Service Commission of Canada, Justice Canada, Canada Revenue Agency, and via the Financial Officer Recruitment and Development Program. Opportunities are offered across Canada and even abroad!

   - This year's inventories of candidates will include opportunities for Technical Fields/ Labours and Trades; Science and Engineering; Communications and Telecommunications; Policy, Human Resources, and Office Administration.

2. When the campaign closes, candidates receive an invitation to complete an unsupervised internet test. A successful pass mark leads to supervised testing and, subsequently, could lead to the start of your career as a federal public servant. If you have a temporary or permanent functional limitation that may impact your performance during the evaluation, you may confidentially request accommodation through our recruitment process.

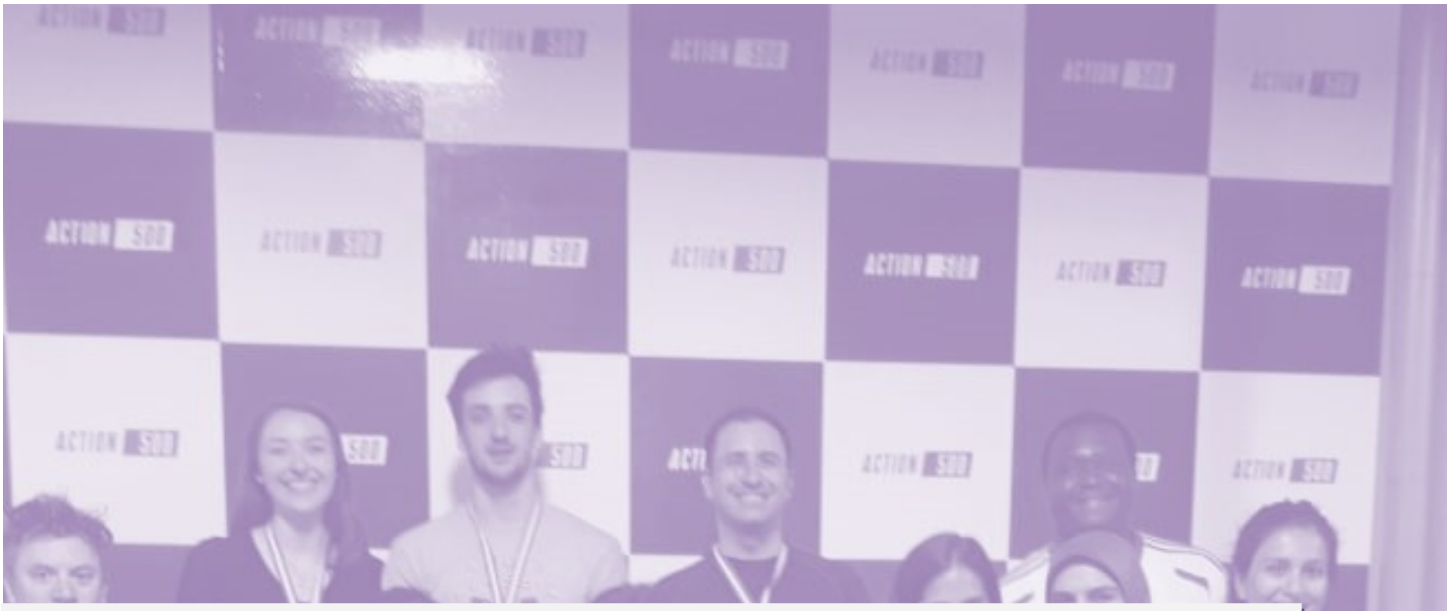
Why do it?

Working with the Government of Canada means working in the best public service in the world! We offer competitive salaries and benefits, interesting work that matches your passion and multiple career choices in every province and territory, and even around the world! Check out the Top 10 Reasons to Join Canada's Public Service at *https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/site/proudly-serving/top-10-reasons-join-public-service.html)*

How to do it?

1. Go to www.canada.ca/GCJobs
2. Create your GC Jobs account
3. Load and update your résumé
4. Be ready to apply any time from October 2 to 24, 2018.

For more information on the PSR campaign, visit us at www.canada.ca/post-secondary-recruitment or follow GC Jobs on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!



Hire a Co-op Student!

StFX co-op students are bright, innovative, and eager for professional experience. Year round, our office will work with you to help your organization benefit from a StFX student. Work terms start in May, September, or January of each year.

Have questions?

Contact us today!

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Please send us your stories for our next issue in December.

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