

Brooksdale Conservation Science Assistant

Position Summary

The **Brooksdale Conservation Science Assistant** works with the Brooksdale Conservation Science Team and other Brooksdale staff to carry out seasonal environmental conservation activities.

Location: Brooksdale Environmental Centre, Surrey, BC.
Start and End Date: Between May 7, 2024, to August 27, 2024 (8-16 weeks subject to funding) with the possibility of full/part-time extension to the end of November.
Hours/Days Worked: Full-time (5 days/week, 35-40 hours/week, Tuesday to Saturday).
Wage: \$19-\$22 per hour (depending on experience)
Closing Date: Until the position has been filled.

Note: Anticipated 4 positions pending funding approval. These positions will be partially funded by the Canada Summer Jobs grant, and are contingent on funding approval.

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume, and three references (saved together as a single PDF) to conservation@arocha.ca. Please include your name and the position title in the PDF file name. Detail your experience and qualifications in your letter.

The email subject line should refer to the Brooksdale Conservation Science Assistant position. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

These positions are contingent on Canada Summer Jobs funding approval.

Organisational Profile

A Rocha is an international environmental conservation organisation which, inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education, community-based conservation projects and sustainable agriculture. We envision a world where nature flourishes as people live equitably and sustainably.

A Rocha Canada's (ARC) Brooksdale Environmental Centre is a dynamic environmental centre with programs serving all ages and various ecosystems. Brooksdale's 27-acre property is a living lab of forests, a threatened river system, a wetland, heritage houses, and a farm. This unique combination of sensitive wildlife habitat and agricultural land makes Brooksdale a place where critical environmental issues are researched, addressed, and solved.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with the implementation of conservation projects including those on-site at Brooksdale as well as those elsewhere within the Tatalu (Little Campbell River) watershed.
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- Collect data related to local species at risk (abundance, distribution, etc.)
- Assist with native plant nursery maintenance and plant propagation

- Help engage the public in activities related to science, conservation and restoration. This includes assisting with weekly restoration Saturdays, allowing for both Residents and the local community to engage in restoration efforts.
- Meet weekly with the Conservation Biologist for progress report meetings.
- Support outreach and educational activities related to conservation.
- Help maintain good relationships with local conservation partners

Other

- Work with Brooksdale staff for other onsite activities as needed.
- Awareness and adherence to A Rocha Brooksdale Health and Safety protocols.

Working Conditions

- Work takes place outdoors in the riparian areas and forests at Brooksdale Environmental Centre as well as habitat restoration sites around the watershed (South Langley, South Surrey, White Rock, Semiahmoo First Nation Reserve) on private and park lands. The Brooksdale Conservation Science Assistant is required to work in all weather conditions. Work in extreme weather conditions may be required. Shared indoor office space is provided at Brooksdale Environmental Centre.

Qualifications

Required Skills and Experience

Education:

- A diploma, certificate, or training in environmental science, management, and/or restoration is an asset.
- Preferred: pursuit or completion of BSc in environmental science or related field (Ecology, Forestry, Fisheries).

Experience:

- Experience in ecology or related fields, with preference given to those with applicable skills in forestry & freshwater systems.
- Experience working collaboratively with volunteers, staff and diverse stakeholders is an asset.
- Working knowledge and experience with tools involved in ecological research and restoration is an asset

Skills:

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, and Google Drive.
- Experience with GIS is considered an asset.
- Standard First Aid & CPR or willingness to be trained.
- Must be physically fit, able to lift 50 lbs.
- Demonstrated ability to work quickly and efficiently outside in any weather.

Critical Qualities:

- Embodies A Rocha Canada's Commitments and Core Values
- Professional and gracious demeanor in written and oral communication
- Able to work both independently and within a team environment; able to resolve interpersonal conflicts professionally; excellent collaboration skills; positive attitude.

Applicant must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of employment;
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada following relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations; and,
- Obtain a Criminal Record Background and Vulnerable Sector check.