



Position: Board Member - Education Director

Organization: Cedar Coast Field Station Society

Location: Remote however preference will be given for those living in or with strong personal connection to the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere and surrounding regions

Type: Volunteer Board Member (Approximately 5-8 hours per month)

About Cedar Coast Field Station Society:

CCS is an independent, not-for-profit society with a vision to preserve ecological health through place-based research and education that celebrates the cultural and biological diversity of Clayoquot Sound, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. We support scientists, students, and community members in conducting meaningful research and engaging in conservation activities that foster a deeper understanding of our natural ecosystems.

Our History and Mission:

Cedar Coast Field Station Society was established in 2017 on Vargas Island as a field station on unceded traditional territory of the Keltmaht and Ahousaht First Nation. Following the pandemic, the Society substantially reduced its budget to meet its financial obligations and could not renew the lease for the field station, opting to use a “pay as needed” basis. The Society continues to rebuild financially and is currently debt-free. We have since centered our strategic pillars on the following strategies;

Connect: Inspiring connections between people and Clayoquot Sound through collaboration, shared learning, and artistic expression.

Collect: Serving as a scientific and education resource for Clayoquot Sound by conducting objective research and collaborating with others.

Create: Promoting inclusivity and accessibility to protect and celebrate the health of Clayoquot Sound.

Position Overview:

The Director of Education on the Board of Directors is responsible for leading and guiding the society's educational initiatives. This role involves developing and overseeing programs that engage diverse audiences, including students, educators, and the general public, in learning about ecology, conservation and the biodiversity of the Clayoquot Sound. The Director of Education will work closely with other board members and staff to ensure that educational efforts align with the organization's mission and strategic goals. Due to limited resources, we are currently an operational board, but we strive to become a strategic board moving forward. The right candidate should be interested in participating in operational matters in addition to high level development and planning.

Key Responsibilities:

- Identify opportunities to expand and enhance educational programs, including online workshops, field courses, and community outreach.
- Attend monthly board meetings and participate in strategic planning discussions.
- Stay informed about current trends in environmental education and incorporate best practices into program development.
- Design, implement, and evaluate educational programs for a variety of audiences, from school groups to community members.
- Ensure programs are scientifically accurate, engaging, and accessible, promoting hands-on learning and stewardship.
- Oversee the integration of research findings into educational content to provide up-to-date and relevant information.

Qualifications and Attributes:

- Degree in education, environmental science, ecology, or a related field. Advanced degree or teaching certification preferred.
- Ideal candidate will have experience in creating online educational resources and content.
- Proven experience in developing, implementing, and managing educational programs, particularly in environmental education.
- Strong understanding of educational methodologies, curriculum development, and program evaluation.
- Experience in building and maintaining partnerships with schools, educational organizations, and community groups.
- Familiarity with grant writing and securing funding for educational initiatives.
- Excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse team of board members, educators, and stakeholders.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to make a significant impact on environmental conservation and education on the West Coast of British Columbia.
- Connect with a community of passionate individuals dedicated to preserving our natural ecosystems.
- Gain experience in non-profit board governance and strategic planning.

How to Apply: Please submit your resume and a statement of interest describing your relevant qualifications to info@cedarcoastfieldstation.org

We look forward to hearing how your skills and experience can help us grow and succeed. We encourage applications from all people interested in the role, including, LGBTQ2+ and BIPOC peoples, and all genders and sexual orientations.