



Position: Board Member - Research 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 Research on the Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing and guiding the society's research initiatives. This role involves providing strategic direction for research programs, ensuring scientific integrity, and fostering collaborations with Indigenous nations, academic institutions, researchers, and community organizations. As a member of the board, the Director of Research will contribute to the overall strategic planning and governance of the society however, 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:

- Oversee the planning, execution, and evaluation of research projects conducted or supported by CCS
- Ensure that all research activities adhere to ethical standards, place based research partnerships and scientific best practices.
- Facilitate the integration of research findings into the society's educational and outreach programs.
- Provide guidance on matters related to scientific research, including the review of research proposals, data, fieldwork and report writing.
- Establish and maintain partnerships with universities, research institutions, Indigenous nations, governmental agencies, and other environmental organizations.
- Support in the hiring process of seasonal staff for research.
- Stay informed on current trends, challenges, and opportunities in environmental research and bring this knowledge to the board.
- Attend monthly board meetings and participate in strategic planning discussions.

Qualifications and Attributes:

- Advanced degree (Master's or PhD preferred) in a relevant field, such as environmental science, ecology, marine biology, or a related discipline. Or related professional experience.
- Proven experience in designing, conducting, and managing research projects, preferably in the field of conservation or environmental science.
- Strong understanding of scientific research methodologies and ethical practices.
- Experience in building and maintaining partnerships with academic institutions, Indigenous nations, research organizations, or community groups.
- Strong knowledge of local conservation issues in the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere region.
- Excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse team of board members, researchers, and stakeholders to execute multi year projects.
- Ability to commit to a volunteer board position, including attending regular meetings and dedicating time to research efforts.

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.