

CONSERVATION PLANNER

Job Title

Conservation Planner

Effective Date

Beginning of September. This contract ends March 31, 2023 with the possibility of an extension.

Summary

The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) is seeking a Conservation Planner for a contract position. Reporting to CIER and partnering with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), the Conservation Planner is responsible for supporting Indigenous communities in British Columbia on work related to conservation planning. Broadly, the Conservation Planner will work collaboratively and in partnership with Indigenous communities and organizations to identify and respond to funding opportunities, provide guidance on conservation planning efforts, and support with establishing data sharing agreements.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Support with training of Indigenous communities on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other land use planning tools and resources
- Collaborate with Indigenous communities to identify and submit funding applications to support conservation planning efforts, and provide support to successful applicants to complete subsequent reporting obligations
- Provide guidance to Indigenous communities with conservation planning efforts (e.g. identifying environmental issues and conflicts; determining conservation priorities; formulating work plans; establishing partnerships with other Indigenous communities, local governments, and other organizations with shared interests)
- Provide support in community engagement approaches and establishing data sharing agreements
- Provide support to communities to apply a SARA lens to their work (e.g., permits, referrals, collation of SAR information in territories, development check-lists and related tool development)

Working Conditions

Given the virtual nature of CIERs work, the successful candidate must have access to a secure and reliable internet connection and a laptop with fully functional WIFI capability. A valid class 5 license is required. This position might include travelling to remote communities (when it is safe to do so).

Employment Requirements

Education	Bachelors or Master's degree in a science relating to wildlife or conservation (Biology, Ecology etc.) or relevant social science (public policy, law, etc.) with experience directly relevant to the scope of this position (i.e. a combination of post-secondary education or training and relevant work experience may be considered).
Experience	Experience working with or for Indigenous governments and communities to deliver community-driven projects and programs.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Familiarity and ability to use Geographic Information System (GIS) and software.• Familiarity with data sharing agreements context and development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong understanding of Indigenous histories, Aboriginal Rights and Title, environmental issues, policies and laws. • Intermediate to advanced proficiency with MS Office applications.
Skills and Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication skills, written and verbal – the ability to relay technical information in plain language is an asset. • Ability to multi-task with limited supervision. • Friendly, optimistic disposition with strong interpersonal skills. • Superior attention to detail and deadlines. • Superior analytical and organizational skills with an ability to balance multiple priorities and produce tangible results in a dynamic work environment.
Nice to Have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency in Indigenous language(s). • Experience working with google docs, Microsoft Teams, Zoom. • Experience with or knowledge of species at risk.

Who Can Apply?

Preference will be given to applicants residing in British Columbia or Alberta. Although preference will be given to Indigenous applicants (including First Nations, Métis and Inuit), all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Applicants are asked to self identify.

Salary

Annual salary range is \$66,000 to \$75,000.

Deadline for Submission

If you are interested in this position, please forward your resume and a brief cover letter to CIER c/o earth@yourcier.org by **August 18th, 2021**. If you do not have access to email you are invited to either fax your resume (866-288-3919) or mail it directly to us at PO Box 26092, RPO Maryland, Winnipeg, MB R3G 3R3.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.