

Douglas M Johnston – MASC Scholarship in Marine Affairs – 2020

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Growing up in East Lawrencetown, Leah has always been drawn to the salt air and sea. Leah recently completed a Bachelor of Community Design, Honours in Urban Design and Planning at Dalhousie University, where she also earned an undergraduate certificate in geographic information systems (GIS). In her third year, Leah made use of the opportunity to study regional, remote and rural planning overseas in Perth, Australia. Throughout this experience, she developed a strong interest in economic development in rural coastal communities and began rethinking innovations for sustainable ocean economies.

During her studies, Leah worked as a research assistant at Dalhousie and gained work experience with industry professionals to develop an interdisciplinary approach to urban and environmental planning. In the MMM program, Leah hopes to integrate her interests in social justice, GIS, and coastal economies to apply research and seek options with intent to implement policy around ghost fishing gear that afflict harvesting, biological habitats, and ocean sustainability.

