Position Title: Marine Policy Officer


Internship host: Sustainable Grenadines Inc. (SusGren)

Placement description:
The SusGren Junior Rangers Program aims to train and inspire the future natural resource management professionals of the Grenadines and empower young people to fulfill their potential. More specifically, it aims to give young people in the Grenadines:

- Knowledge about their environment and how to take care of it
- A love of the natural world
- Valuable skills for a career in natural resources management

Ultimately, we foresee this program being rolled out to the entire Grenadines island chain. At present, the program is still in its infancy. We are piloting it by training 12 young people (ages 11-13) from Union Island, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, with financial support from USAID through The Nature Conservancy.

Every other Saturday, the Junior Rangers have a lesson, either classroom- or field-based, in which they learn such things as how to identify resident and migratory birds species, how to monitor and protect sea turtle nests, the importance of mangroves, what is involved in ‘a day in the life of’ a marine managed area ranger, and so on.

To strengthen the program and facilitate replication on other islands, from April to September 2017, we will be creating a curriculum and a teacher’s resource pack. The curriculum will outline the learning objectives at each age, so that by the time the Junior Rangers are 16, they will be capable young people ready to begin a career, or pursue further education, in natural resource management. The resource pack will contain ready-made lesson plans and teaching materials so any teacher can pick it up and run.

We seek a Dalhousie University Marine Affairs MSc candidate to contribute to the development of the Junior Rangers program. The role will involve:

a) creating lesson plans and teaching materials (required)
b) teaching Junior Ranger classes (optional, encouraged)
c) training local volunteers (SusGren staff, teachers, community leaders) in environmental education (optional, encouraged)
d) communicating about it via social media, blogs, video (optional, encouraged).

While with SusGren, the student will at liberty to develop their dissertation around the theme of environmental education. This could involve conducting desk research – e.g. behavior change theory, learning theory, environmental education case studies – and setting it in the Grenadines context.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a passionate environmental educator to help shape and grow an exciting and potentially very impactful initiative.

Qualifications:
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident and 35 years of age or under
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<td>• Graduate or senior undergraduate student enrolled at Dalhousie University in good academic and financial standing</td>
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Internship placements will normally occur in the summer term. The duration is 3-6 months. Financial support for the internship is available.

**Application deadline – noon February 17, 2017**

Submit the application to:

Becky Field, Administrator
Marine Affairs Program, Marine.affairs@dal.ca