

Organization: Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC), Peterborough, Ontario

Position: Landscape Designer (Student)

Application Due Date: March 1st 2024, although applications will be reviewed as they are received.

Start Date: May 1st 2024*

Compensation: Expected to be \$16.65/hour for 35-40 hours per week for 8 weeks*

*Contract details subject to change based on funding availability

Position Details:

The Landscape Designer will be responsible for the rejuvenation of the local landscape through planting and upkeep of native trees, shrubs, and flowers at our new state of the art turtle hospital and rehabilitation centre as outlined in our landscape design plan. This position requires the ability to complete physical work in outdoor and indoor spaces as well as knowledge of native plant species including trees, shrubs, and pollinator garden species. The Landscape Designer(s) will be working closely with the Education Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator and Executive Director. Tasks and responsibilities of the Landscape Designer includes removing the present pollinator garden at our Chemong Rd site and transplanting it at our new facility on Television Rd, communicating with and receiving orders from a local nursery, planting purchased trees, shrubs, and perennial grasses and flowers as laid out in the documented landscape plan document, as well as watering, caring for and tending transplants. The student will create a record of species planted. Other duties may include assisting in laying of an interlocking brick pathway, general outdoor maintenance including lawn maintenance, and assisting in construction of outdoor fenced enclosures. Other duties will be assigned as needed and may include work inside the conservation centre facility, general cleaning, and painting of interior walls. Weekend and evening work will be required. The position will involve work at both OTCC's present sites on Chemong Rd and Television Rd.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements laid out by Canada Summer Jobs.
 - Applicants must be under the age of 30 on the start date of the position; be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or have refugee status; and have a valid SIN number and be legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Horticultural knowledge of native flora and fauna.
- Previous experience with upkeep of gardens, landscape, and data.
- Ability to follow technical illustrations and a keen eye for detail.
- Ability to do physical work for extended periods of time in adverse weather conditions. The ability to lift 15kg safely.
- Experience using hand tools such as shovels, rakes, pruning shears, hoses, as well as weed whackers and lawn mowers.



- Have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle. Applicants will be required to travel between two locations (a 10-minute drive) during the work day.
- A strong interest in wildlife conservation and willingness to comply with health and safety regulations, and animal care protocols.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a positive attitude, and complete tasks independently as well as within a team.
- Valid First Aid training, or the willingness to obtain training prior to the start date, is an asset.

Please email your application (cover letter and resume in one PDF file) to education@ontarioturtle.ca with "Landscape Designer (Student) 2024" in the subject line of the email.

We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.