

Job Fair promotes work for post-secondary students & graduates

by Heidi Riley

A Job and Career Fair was recently held on the UPEI campus. Representatives from more than 20 businesses, organizations, and learning institutions were on hand to speak to students about career opportunities.

The following employers attended the Job Fair:

Veterans Affairs Canada

“I came through the federal student hiring process 35 years ago,” says **Katherine Morrow**. “I started as a Case Manager, and was rehired for the following two summers. When I graduated university in 1985, I was hired full-time. Since then, I have worked in many interesting roles.

“I encourage young people to consider the federal government as an employer of choice. There are opportunities on PEI with Veterans Affairs, which is the only federal government department that has its head office outside Ottawa. We have careers in a wide variety of roles, including journalism, communications, business, mathematics, accounting, program development, cabinet and parliamentary affairs, operations, and nursing.

“We are in a period of growth, and we are in hiring mode. I encourage students to sign up through the Federal Student Work Experience program.

Non-students can start the application process at www.jobs.gc.ca

For information on how to apply to the federal government, visit www.employmentjourney.com/tips-applying-federal-government



Katherine Morrow, Director of Cabinet Business.

Other federal government job opportunities

“Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Fisheries and Oceans, and Employment and Social Development are some of the employers on PEI,” says **Isabelle Naud**, Manager, Services and Business Director, Service Canada.

“Veterans Affairs and Canada Revenue Agency also hire a large number of students in Charlottetown and Summerside. There may also be some positions with departments such as Canada Border Services, RCMP, or Department of National Defence.

“Students who have worked through one of the student programs (FSWEP, RAP, or Coop) may be re-hired for a subsequent term through FSWEP if they still meet the criteria outlined in our program. After graduation, they may be integrated into the public service if they meet the requirements of a vacant position. They do not necessarily have to be hired by the same department where they worked as a student.”

For **FSWEP** positions, students should check www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/federal-student-work-program.html

For the **Research Affiliate Program**, visit www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/research-affiliate-program.html

Also check departmental websites where more information can be found about specific jobs, such as this description of open student positions at AAFC and how to apply, visit www.agr.gc.ca/recruitment. To connect with a recruitment specialist to learn more about careers at AAFC, email students-etudiants@agr.gc.ca

MediaKids Academy/LinkTEFL

MediaKids Academy is an agency that places English-language teachers in Thailand. They also offer LinkTEFL, a four-week 120-hour course that teaches the art of teaching English as a foreign language and helps candidates become certified.

The first two weeks of the program is taught on PEI, and the second part is taught in Thailand, where participants practice six times in a Thai classroom to gain practical experience before they are placed in the classroom.



From left, Ejeanne Mae Datoon and Laila Oskouie, Recruiters.

The course is accredited and recognized internationally. When candidates sign up for the course, they are guaranteed a job after becoming certified.

“You get to do something interesting you really enjoy, before you come back and start the career you studied for,” says **Laila Oskouie**.

“The experience is a definite bonus on your resumé. Many employers prefer people who have lived and worked abroad, because they are more resilient and self-reliant.”

Applicants must have a university degree, which is required to get the paperwork to get the work permit to be allowed to teach in another country.

“MediaKids provides an accommodation allowance and a monthly salary to the teachers,” says **Ejeanne Mae Datoon**. “Consultants in Thailand develop the curriculum and pre-arrange the accommodations.”

For more information, visit www.mediakidsacademy.com



Canadian Armed Forces, Charlottetown

There are five military establishments on PEI. The Royal Canadian Naval Reserves have a presence at HMCS Queen Charlotte, Queen Charlotte Armory, and the Signals Regiment at Victoria Park. There is also a supply depot in the Charlottetown Business Park and a recruiting centre.

There are about 250 Reservists on PEI, including about 18 full-time positions. HMCS Queen Charlotte has about 90 to 100 people, including those away on contract training or on deployment. PEI Regiment has about 120 people, and Signals Regiment has about 40 people.



From right, Master Seaman David MacPherson, Combat Information Operator, and Dong Nguyen, Senior File Manager.

“Many more jobs are offered for non-commissioned members, such as technicians and specialists, Human Resource Administrator, Financial Services, and Logistics Officer”, says **David MacPherson**. “People in these occupations are located at the supply depot at the Charlottetown Business Park, at the two army reserve units downtown, at the Navy Reserve Unit, and at the Recruiting Centre. We have job opportunities in the Reserves and the regular Forces.”

“These occupations are a great resumé builder, and a great way to get work experience. In the reserves, we have people from all walks of life, including students, lawyers, and teachers.

“For students, training is scheduled around the academic year. They are guaranteed employment every Wednesday and one Saturday a month. More work is available, depending on their availability. For people with full course loads, there is work available in the evening. In the summer, full-time employment is available.”

The enrollment process can take one to three months. “The earlier you get in, the more you start to realize the benefits. People are accepted up to age 57. There are a lot more options than people realize. It will be the best decision you ever make.”

For more details, call 1-902-569-6130. To apply, visit www.forces.ca



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At HMCS Queen Charlotte, 14 occupations are offered by the Canadian Armed Forces. Officer occupations require university completion. They are groomed to become leaders and managers.

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