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WPIRG Job Posting

Title: Peace Advancement Researcher

Submission Deadline: Friday, June 10, 2016

WPIRG is seeking a dynamic, personable, and organized student with a demonstrated commitment to social and environmental justice to fill the full-time contract position of Peace Advancement Researcher.

The Organization

The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) is a student funded and directed organization that provides support for students to research, educate and take action on environmental and social justice issues. WPIRG endeavors to foster a non-hierarchical working environment by following consensus decision-making processes. WPIRG strives to be an anti-oppressive working environment by proactively opposing all forms of oppression such as those based on gender, race, class, sexual preference, age, cultural heritage/ethnicity, religion, gender orientation, and ability.

The Position:

This is a full-time (35 hours per week) 10-week position open to participants between the ages of 15 and 30 years old who have been registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year. The participant must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Primary Responsibilities:

The primary function of the Peace Advancement Researcher is to: identify government and/or industry ties and/or contracts with the University of Waterloo and related research centres, institutes, and faculty that point to Canadian military or security-related collaboration.

List of specific responsibilities:

- Design and implement a research project that makes transparent the links between UW and military or security organizations.
- Determine the strength and nature of these ties.
- Organize and compile these findings for use in a research report that will serve as a tool to promote transparency between the university and its' students as well as serve as a foundation to promote peace advocacy on campus and in the community.
- Work alongside Project Ploughshares, WPIRG and the Centre for Peace Advancement to make project findings public and promote these findings.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest and experience in social and environmental justice organizing and issues.
- Self-direction and ability to take initiative in a dynamic work environment.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with volunteers and staff and to work in a membership-based and directed organization.
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills
- Experience in academic research with the ability to select sources and assess the quality and accuracy of this information
- High degree of academic literacy and ability to read difficult texts.

Employment Terms:

The Peace Advancement Researcher Position is a 10 week full-time position. It is a 35 hour per week position at a rate of \$17 per hour. The anticipated **start date is June 15, 2016.**

How to Apply:

WPIRG (member of OPIRG) welcomes the contributions that individuals from marginalized communities bring to our organization. We encourage and invite aboriginal people, people of colour, poor and working class people, those on social assistance,

women, LGBTQQA, pansexual, asexual, queer-oriented people; transgender, transsexual, intersex and two-spirit people; single parents, members of ethnic minorities, immigrants, and people with disabilities to apply. We encourage applicants to describe in their cover letter the contributions and experiences they, as individuals who identify with marginalized communities, would bring to WPIRG.

Also in their cover letter, all applicants are asked to provide a brief statement on their views of power, inequality and oppression.

Applicants must provide a resume and a cover letter (that includes the above statement).

Deadline for Submissions is **June 10, 2016**.

Deliver submissions to the Peace Advancement Researcher Hiring Committee, WPIRG, Conrad Grebel University College, 4222-140 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G6; or email applications to alex@wpirg.org

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.