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PICS 2010 Internship Description

Organization Name: Quebec-Labrador Foundation

Internship Location: Ipswich, MA

Required Dates: Yes No If yes, internship must start on: _____ and end on _____ or must include the period:

Housing Will Be Available to Intern: Yes No If yes, housing will be free: or housing will cost the student:

Expected working schedule for this internship:

Start Time: 9 am End Time: 5 pm
Lunch break: 1/2 hour (duration) (specific time, if applicable)

Additional Information, if necessary:

(Please indicate if any of the preparation work will take place outside of the regular work schedule)

Organization Description

Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size etc. Please also explain the benefit that will be derived by your organization by sponsoring a Princeton intern.

Background of the Organization: Quebec-Labrador Foundation, along with its Atlantic Center for the Environment, is a private, Not-for-profit organization incorporated in the United States (1963) and a registered charity in Canada (1969). QLF programs are focused on community development and community service; culture and heritage; and community-based conservation and stewardship.

On our Mission Statement: *QLF exists to support the rural communities and environment of eastern Canada and New England and to create models for stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage that can be applied worldwide.*

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QLF began as an organization providing community service and leadership programs for young people living in isolated fishing communities along the Quebec-Labrador coast. In the mid-1970s, programs were expanded both geographically and programmatically when QLF offered residential conservation camps and experiential outdoor leadership opportunities for youths, adults, and families. In 1977, the Atlantic Center for the Environment was created to develop environmental programs throughout the Atlantic Region (New England and Eastern Canada). In 1981, QLF created an International Program to foster an exchange of experience and innovations among organizations and individuals in communities and regions that face similar challenges and opportunities. QLF's International Program now includes professional exchange and training in conservation and stewardship with partners in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

Main Programs: The Atlantic Region Programs include a focus on community-based natural resource management, marine conservation, wildlife conservation, community-based mapping, and environmental education. QLF and partner organizations have created a collaboration to expand community ownership and management of forestland in northern New England. In its marine programs, QLF has been advancing the emergence community-based management through several interconnected initiatives at local, regional, and international scales. The Sounds Conservancy Program is designed to protect the estuaries and coastal waters of the Sounds of southern New England and New York from Long Island Sound to Nantucket Sound. QLF's International Stewardship Program works with conservation and rural development practitioners worldwide to develop new strategies for conservation of natural and cultural heritage. The Middle East Program aims to contribute to bioregional, natural resource conservation, cultural heritage preservation, and peace-building efforts working across borders with conservation and community leaders where the environment is the common language.

QLF has a staff of 20 with 10 consultants. QLF has a Board of Trustees in the U.S. and a Board of Directors in Canada. QLF's Corporation serves as an Advisory Board. QLF's budget for Fiscal Year 2009 (1 September 2008 - 31 August 2009) is \$3 million. The budget for Fiscal Year 2010 (1 September 2009 – 31 August 2010) is \$2.5 million.

Nearly half of QLF income is foundation support. Other sources of income include gifts from individuals, corporations, government contracts, and the endowment. QLF has an endowment of \$6.5 million. QLF is initiating the quiet phase of a capital campaign to raise \$15 Million over the next three years: \$10 million in programs and operations; and \$5 million for the Endowment. It is a very ambitious goal that QLF staff can only achieve with the active assistance of its resource, the Governing Boards, and Alumni and friends of the organization.

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Describe in detail the work or project will do; please be as specific as possible. Please also explain the benefit that a student will obtain by interning with your organization.

Since its inception, in 1961, QLF has been offering emerging professionals and opportunity to enhance their skills by applying them to real-world conservation and community development challenges. 2,600 volunteers and interns have served the QLF cause so far through its Leadership Program.

A Intern will work closely with Beth Alling, Executive Vice President on three programs that she directs and to include:

The Sounds Conservancy Program

The Program supports education and research in the marine region on the Sounds in southern New England and New York from Long Island Sound to Nantucket Sound. Its goal is to protect the estuaries and coastal waters the region and secure the protection of its marine resources through a small grants program to encourage marine education, research, advocacy, and conservation measures. Through The Sounds Conservancy Program, QLF awards small grants each year. Ms. Alling is seeking assistance in the management of a small grants program and its upcoming publication on turtle conservation worldwide.

The Middle East Program

For 18 years, QLF has worked in partnership with environmental organizations and conservation leaders in the Middle East. Drawing on its experience in the Atlantic Region, the staff's in-country experience, and the broad, information network of partner organizations, QLF builds the capacity of the Middle East partner organizations to manage a non-profit and QLF shares information and

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innovations on conservation and stewardship. Each year the program offers an annual Fellowship for conservation professionals from the Middle East; an intensive three-week program with a focus on wildlife conservation, marine conservation, environmental educational, and/or capacity building for non-profits. The Princeton Intern will provide assistance with the logistics and management of one Fellowship for Middle East Conservation leaders this summer.

The Second QLF Alumni Congress (2011)

QLF's Alumni number 2,000 in North America and more than 600 overseas. In 2006, QLF held The First Alumni Congress in Budapest, Hungary. The Congress was the organization's largest and most ambitious program to date with 200 Alumni participants and 30 dignitaries representing four QLF region and 30 countries. Many of the Alumni hold leadership positions in government, environmental organizations, academia, business, law, and medicine. Afterwards, working partnerships were formed where Alumni are working inter-regionally on global issues. This summer QLF will begin planning its second Alumni Congress (set for 2011) to celebrate the organization's 50th anniversary. Beth Alling served the Congress Director in 2006. She will serve as the Congress Director in 2011. A Princeton Intern will support Beth with the preliminary preparation work of the event.

Intern Qualifications

Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern.

Background required - The most important assets are enthusiasm and a positive attitude, intelligence and a willingness to learn, a shared commitment to the work of the organization, a desire to learn, flexibility, a sense of humor, and an ability to work independently and with people from diverse backgrounds. We hope to find an Intern with excellent research, writing, and communication skills and who has the patience for attention to detail.

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