

Parks Canada offers more summer jobs for students (bilingual)

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Des figurants en uniforme de soldat font tonner un canon sur un rempart

The Fortress of Louisbourg is one of Parks Canada's places in Cape Breton that will hire more students this summer. Photo: Parks Canada

With the 150th anniversary of Confederation, federal agencies will hire many more students than usual this summer. Parks Canada, for example, offers hundreds of summer jobs across the country, particularly to bilingual students.

The federal agency that manages national parks and national historic sites expects a 30% increase in visitors compared to last year, as part of the 150th celebrations, and wants to meet demand.

"We're looking for about 100 students in total, which is about 60% more than last year here in Cape Breton," says Julie Cossette, Parks Canada Development Officer.

Jobs in Cape Breton are offered at the Fortress of Louisbourg, Cape Breton Highlands National Park and Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site.

Hired students will perform tasks related to office work, conservation, interpretation and maintenance. Some will be responsible for visitor service, cultural resources, public relations, social media, audiovisual production, etc.

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The challenge is to find bilingual staff

Bilingualism is required for many of the jobs offered.

"We are lucky to have support from francophone community organizations to disclose information when we have bilingual positions. We also deal with the region's French-language schools or immersion schools," says Julie Cossette.

Since the beginning of the year, the Nova Scotia Provincial Youth Council has indeed received numerous job offers

“I was surprised by the figure. “We’re looking for 150 people there, and several people on the other side.” I was like, “It’s huge, but it does not surprise me, because it’s the 150th and there’s a lot of funds that have been put into the community for a lot of projects,” explains Ana Pranjic, Executive Director of the Youth Council.

Bilingual students sometimes have an advantage over others. “That’s a plus. Career, employment, find opportunities that someone else would not have, “adds Pranjic.

But it is still necessary to be able to use French at work.

“You know, if we were able to tell young people,” You have opportunities to work in this community this summer like [immersion] in the francophone community, “which they do not necessarily have in the community. Central Halifax region, it could be a great opportunity for them, “concludes Ana Pranjic.

According to Audrey Roy’s report

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