



The Galiano Conservancy Association (GCA) seeks a highly-motivated individual for the position of **Ecological Restoration Technician**. This 4-month full-time seasonal contract position offers engaging work and an opportunity to gain career skills in the beautiful setting of Galiano Island from May through August.

### Ecological Restoration Technician

- Start date:** May 6, 2024 (negotiable)
- Wage:** \$21.58 / hour (\$20.75/hr + 4% Vacation Pay)
- Hours:** 35 hours / week (*on average*), typically Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm
- Anticipated End Date:** August 30, 2024 (negotiable)
- Duration:** 17 weeks, with up to 1 week off (*560 hours over 4-month period*)
- Application Deadline:** 11:59pm PST on **January 31, 2024**

**Job Details:**

As Ecological Restoration Technician, you will work directly with experienced Galiano Conservancy staff, primarily the Restoration Team, including the Restoration Coordinator and other technicians and volunteer interns, on field outings and completing a number of tasks related to environmental protection, enhancement of biodiversity, and assisting with environmental education. This position involves an average of five days of work each week, including some evenings and weekends, based out of the Millard Learning Centre (10825 Porlier Pass Road) on Galiano Island.

**Tasks and responsibilities may include:**



- Ecological restoration, surveys and assessments
- Propagation and care for native plants
- Removal of target non-native vegetation from protected areas
- Monitoring ecological responses to restoration activities
- Assisting with trail building
- Assisting with Species at Risk monitoring and inventory programs
- Light conservation infrastructure construction, maintenance, and / or decommissioning
- Public outreach regarding environmental protection and stewardship, and native plant sales
- Writing articles for publication in our local community magazine and for our social media outlets
- Research and review of restoration, forestry, ecology and other related literature
- Participating as a resource person for environmental education programs

**Skills and experience gained may include:**

- Field data collection
- Using a Global Positioning System (GPS) for mapping, navigation and data collection
- Using GIS (ArcGIS Pro) for mapping and data analysis
- Planning and implementing ecological restoration, assessment and inventory projects
- Establishing long-term ecological monitoring sites
- Identifying native and exotic species, including Species At Risk
- Understanding of the effects of agriculture and forestry on ecosystems
- Understanding of the effects of recreational activities on ecosystems
- Propagation of native plants in a nursery
- Working as part of a team with restoration ecologists and environmental interpreters
- Ecological principles and environmental interpretation
- Group facilitation with children, youth and adults
- Communications including oral presentations and writing for print and online (social media)
- Conducting research and literature review
- Working in remote and rugged field conditions

**Requirements:**

This position will require physical, social, and intellectual work. The candidate must demonstrate a capacity for leadership, the ability to work effectively independently and as part of a team, and a willingness to learn and engage themselves in hard work. Applicants must be prepared to live on Galiano for May through August, spend long hours outside doing physical labour, and be available for work on some weekends. The applicant must have current Standard First Aid, or be willing to obtain it before coming to Galiano. This position is partially wage subsidy funded, and to meet the funding criteria, **applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 30 and be either Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or a person with refugee status eligible to work in Canada.** A criminal record check may be required, and will be arranged before arrival. Because the Galiano Conservancy conducts activities at a



variety of locations throughout Galiano Island, a class-5 driver's license is required and access to a reliable personal vehicle/transportation is strongly preferred.

**Assets:**

BIPOC applicants and applicants with a connection to Galiano Island will be given preference; please identify yourself in your cover letter if applicable. A background in Environmental Studies, Biology, Geography, Restoration of Natural Systems, Conservation, Forestry, Environmental Education or another complimentary field is desirable. Direct experience in any of the skills mentioned for this position, particularly a demonstrated capacity for strenuous work in remote field conditions, is an asset.

**To apply:**

Submit your cover letter and resume to [jobs@galianoconservancy.ca](mailto:jobs@galianoconservancy.ca) by midnight on Wednesday, **January 31st, 2024** with the job title\* in the email subject line. Please ensure cover letter and resume files are submitted in pdf format following these naming conventions:

*SURNAME\_FIRSTNAME-CoverLetter.pdf*

*SURNAME\_FIRSTNAME-Resume.pdf*

*\*If you are applying for more than one of the [job opportunities](#) currently available, please submit separate emails; you can choose to submit the same cover letter for all desired positions, or provide custom cover letters for individual positions.*

**Due to the volume of applications received, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**

Shortlisted candidates will be sent interview invitations by February 6th. Although we prefer to interview applicants in person, remote video conference (Zoom) interviews can take place as an alternative for candidates who are unable to be physically present.

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to receiving your application.

**Additional information:**

To learn more about the Galiano Conservancy Association, please visit [www.galianoconservancy.ca](http://www.galianoconservancy.ca).

*Accommodations:* The successful candidate is responsible for securing rental housing on Galiano Island from May through August, as well as for all transportation costs when commuting to and from work (10825 Porlier Pass Road). The Galiano Conservancy can help identify rental housing opportunities through our local contacts.

If you have specific questions not addressed here, please contact our office at 250-539-2424.