

FUNDED COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY - We are seeking five graduate research assistants - 4 Masters (2-3 years) and 1 Ph.D. (4 years) - to staff a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funded CURA (community university research alliance) on sustainable forest management, to begin between now and 2012, and continue until 2015.

THE WORK

Representatives of environmental NGOs, forest industry, and academia have built a research agenda, and students will be supported to work with leading researchers and professionals, addressing these subjects:

- Conserving habitats
- Increasing forest sustainability certification in New Brunswick
- Increasing public participation in the forest certification processes
- Testing competing theories to predict the success of collaborative processes
- Managing old forests in a changing climate



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WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

- Mastery of science and policy issues that relate to conservation biology and geographic representation of complex ecological knowledge, and market-based incentives for conservation
- Mastery of social science research skills related to public attitudes toward sustainable forest management
- Mastery of policy and economic issues as well as a deep understanding of the underlying basis for conflicts of values
- Addition of significant new knowledge to our understanding of the critical topic of collaborative learning
- Mentorship from leading researchers and professionals in these fields
- Strong professional prospects due to the increase in the importance of the environment and natural resources, and the requirement for resource management professionals who can integrate social and natural sciences
- Experience the way of life in the Maritimes through UNB, the city of Fredericton, and the beautiful natural landscape of New Brunswick along the Saint John River and beyond



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THE TEAM

The Nature Conservancy of Canada
 Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society NB
 The Nature Trust of New Brunswick
 J.D. Irving Ltd.
 University of New Brunswick
 New Brunswick Wildlife Federation
 New Brunswick Environmental Network
 Fundy Model Forest Network
 Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre
 Nature NB
 NB Dept of Natural Resources
 Canadian Forest Service
 Bird Studies Canada
 Atlantic Salmon Federation
 Miramichi Salmon Association
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