



2015 Interns, Piping Plover Conservation Project, Southwest Newfoundland



Environmental Education, Main Brook, Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland



Maya Mountain Marine Corridor, Toledo District, Southern Belize



Tree Planting Exercise, QLF Alumni Congress, Hungary 2006

LEADERSHIP

QLF identifies, engages, and supports the next generation of environmental leaders working to advance conservation and stewardship efforts worldwide through the **QLF Intern Program**. QLF encourages knowledge-sharing while also seeking to strengthen personal and professional ties between program participants working across geographic regions, political borders, and cultural barriers.

CONSERVATION

QLF promotes community-based approaches to conservation that directly engage local residents, community organizations, and governments. Our strong support of locally-based initiatives, backed by public outreach and education, has been recognized globally as a model for achieving long-term conservation goals.

STEWARDSHIP

QLF is an organization focused on the connection between community and the environment. QLF embraces the concept of **stewardship** in all that we do. QLF supports efforts to create, nurture, and enable responsibility among landowners and resource users to manage and protect land and its natural and cultural heritage through region-to-region exchanges and technical assistance.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK

QLF's Global Leadership Network (GLN) consists of more than 5,000 Alumni and Partners representing 75 countries in six regions: New England and eastern Canada; Central and Southeast Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; the Middle East; and Southeast Asia. We have created an online electronic platform to convene and engage our network of Alumni to foster dialogue, share knowledge, and establish partnerships to address conservation challenges.



The Global Leadership Online home page with pins representing some of the 5,000 QLF Alumni worldwide.



QLF has always been about people and community, service and leadership, the excitement and adventure of remote places, and the stewardship of natural and cultural resources.

"QLF may appear lean and mean, but it's bulk and strength derive from that giant reservoir of human talent just below the surface."

...you'd be hard pressed to find a QLF Alum who has not been altered by their experience."

*~ Compass November 2015
by Greig Cranna
Photojournalist & QLF Senior Program Consultant*





The Internship Program 2016

The engine that drives QLF



Gros Morne National Park, Western Newfoundland

"As QLF evolves in a 21st century world, training a new generation of environmental and community leaders, building leadership capacity, convening leaders to meet with one another, sharing information and experiences should be the highest priority for this organization."

~ QLF Case Statement, 2007

FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation (QLF) has been connecting environmental problem-solving with the associated needs of culture and community across the geographic borders of the U.S. and Canada. QLF's regional North American model is now shared with places as diverse as Latin America and the Middle East.

Over the years the faces of the Interns change, but the impact of the experience remains.

"Now that I'm home, I often find myself comparing life in Connecticut to life in Canada, reminiscing about the amazing experiences I had interning for QLF. Interviewing Alumni provided me new insight on how one can use science and cultural heritage to promote environmental awareness."
~ Intern (2015) Global Leadership Network
Montréal Office, Skidmore College

"It's only been two days since I have returned from Newfoundland. I already miss the constant moose encounters, icebergs, and whales dotting the coast, and the buzz of activity around all the interns. This summer was absolutely incredible and I know I will be telling all of my Stanford buddies about the fantastic scenery, dancing bird heads, fried bologna, and cod tongues (their Google Internships have nothing on QLF)."
~ Intern (2015)
Community-based Conservation
Newfoundland
Stanford University

«Merci de m'avoir donné cette incroyable opportunité. Travailler avec QLF fut pour moi une expérience extrêmement enrichissante. J'ai apprécié chaque minute passée à Terre-Neuve, un endroit magnifique et accueillant de mon pays. Cette aventure m'a permis de grandir en tant que biologiste et protectrice de la biodiversité. Je suis fière de maintenant faire partie de la famille de QLF.»
~ Stagiaire (2015) Projet de surveillance des oiseaux marins et oiseaux de rivage,
Terre-Neuve et Labrador
Université de Montréal



"I learned more than I could have imagined about communicating with people of a completely different culture and background, the culture itself of Newfoundland ... Meeting other Interns, and the kind and incredibly interesting locals of small fishing communities was a once in a lifetime opportunity I'm so grateful to have had."
~ Intern (2015) Biodiversity Project, Newfoundland
Princeton University

QLF is a profoundly human organization, unusual in the extent to which it values and nurtures relationships with people. Through my experiences and associations with QLF, I not only developed lifelong friendships, but also a deeper appreciation for the human element in every conservation issue.
~ Heather Walter (1983)
Ocean Horizons,
Newfoundland

"I still feel attached to QLF and part of the QLF spirit...much of what I have accomplished and where I am today is because of my experiences with QLF."
~ Louise Labarre (1986-89) Marine Bird Project
Quebec North Shore

My students serving as QLF Interns last summer clearly feel as though they learned a great deal from their experience, and exhibit new confidence about their ability to shape the future.
~ Senior Lecturer/Faculty Fellow
Institute for Environment and Society
Brown University

HOW TO APPLY TO THE QLF INTERN PROGRAM

OPPORTUNITIES: The QLF Leadership Program offers a range of Volunteer and short/long-term Internships each year. Internships are positions designed for undergraduate and graduate students. These positions last for one to six months and run throughout the year with the peak field season during the summer.

For a list of current Internships, please visit our website at:
www.qlf.org/leadership/internships.htm

INTERSHIP AREAS: Conservation, Land Stewardship, Environmental Education, Cultural Heritage, NGO Management, Environmental Journalism and Social Media.

LOCATIONS: Eastern Canada and New England (The Atlantic Region); Ipswich Headquarters; Montreal Office; and selected Overseas Assignments.

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