

INDIGENOUS YOUTH WORK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

SUMMER 2026

Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research

Ministry of Natural Resources



The Indigenous Youth Work Exchange Program (IYWEP) is currently seeking an **Assistant Fisheries Technician** to participate in aquatic research studies at Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research in Algonquin Provincial Park. The successful candidate may participate in some or all of the following tasks:

- Netting index surveys, angler creel surveys, biological sampling of fish, water quality monitoring, aquatic habitat assessment, lake depth mapping, field equipment maintenance/repair, and computer data entry
- Operation of boats, outboard motors, canoes, and other specialized equipment may be required
- Participation in other ecosystem research projects in Algonquin Park to gain a variety of experience, e.g. wildlife surveys, species at risk surveys, etc.
- Working outdoors in diverse weather conditions and overnighing in remote areas
- The candidate will assist in projects that are in collaboration with a First Nation, Inuit or Metis Community.

You are eligible if you are:

- eligible to work in Canada
- a student
- a person who self-identify as an Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit or Métis)
- 15 years of age or older

Program Highlights:

- Rate of pay: 40 hours per week at \$18.45/h
- Minimum 8 weeks, with the possibility of 16 weeks (May-Aug) depending on applicant availability.
- Accommodations are available at Harkness Lab on Lake Opeongo, Algonquin Park

How to apply:

Additional information can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/indigenous-youth-work-exchange-program>. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Nick Lacombe, Senior Resource Technician, Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research by email nick.lacombe@ontario.ca.

The application deadline is **March 1, 2026** but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Recruitment for these positions is facilitated in partnership with participating Indigenous communities and organizations.