

Students and new graduates connect with employers

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Job Search

The UPEI Career Development Centre held a **Career and Job Fair** in March to highlight career opportunities for students and graduates. Twenty exhibitors from government agencies, the financial sector, aerospace and IT were on hand to talk about summer jobs and full-time opportunities.

“The Career Development Centre helps students to foster their job search and interview skills and connect with employers,” says **Ghislaine O’Hanley**, who organized the event. “We want to guide students on the path towards the career they want.”

For more information, visit www.upei.ca and search **Career Development Centre** or call **566-0488**.

The information below highlights career opportunities and government websites that might be hard to find in your job search.

721 Communications Regiment



Sergeant Bryan Irving, 721 Communications Regiment

“We are looking for people to join the Communications Regiment,” says **Sergeant Bryan Irving**. Recruits do basic training for two months off-Island in the summer, and then work part-time during the year on PEI. Recruits must pass medical, physical, and aptitude tests and an interview before being accepted.

For more information, visit www.forces.ca

To apply, call **368-0162** or e-mail 721cr.recruit@forces.gc.ca

Parks Canada



Jodi Flood and Tom Ogden, Visitors Services Supervisors for Parks Canada.

Parks Canada Prince Edward Island hires students each summer as Park Communicators, Maintenance Student Workers, Heritage Communicators and Student Field Technicians.

For more information and to apply on-line for a summer student job, visit www.jobs.gc.ca

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)



Jonathan O’Keefe, Human Resources Consultant, Veterans Affairs Canada.

“Someone looking for employment with Veterans Affairs Canada should follow the website www.jobs.gc.ca very closely,” says **Jonathan O’Keefe**, Human Resources Consultant with VAC. “This website is where all Federal Government jobs open to the general public are advertised. Positions may not be advertised for long so it’s important to check the site daily.”

“When applying, tailor your résumé to the position. It’s important to demonstrate how you meet the qualifications of education and experience listed on the Poster or Statement of Merit.”

Positions may include Communications Officer, Client Service Agent, Financial Advisor, Human Resource Specialist, Policy Analyst, Assistant Head Nurse, Nursing Coordinator, Psychologist, Social Worker, and more.

“In the coming years, we anticipate a larger number of retirements and in turn more staffing processes. It is expected that there will be an increase in the number of external processes for professional and specialized areas.

“Students who apply through the **Federal Student Work Experience program (FSWEP)** should submit their applications as soon as possible. Managers will begin their summer hiring shortly.”

For more information, visit www.vac-acc.gc.ca and search **jobs open to the public**.

For more information about the **Federal Student Work Experience Program**,

visit www.jobs.gc.ca

Click on **I am a student** and then on **FSWEP**.

Certified General Accountants Association



Jeanie Geldert, Executive Director, CGA Association of PEI.

CGAs manage corporate finances, analyze and interpret financial information, solve complex problems, and plan, forecast and implement corporate strategies. Many CGAs work as CEOs, CFOs, directors, and partners. The designation is recognized in Canada and around the world as a standard of excellence and professionalism in all aspects of finance and business management.

“A CGA designation gives you a broad range of career opportunities,” says **Jeanie Geldert**, Executive Director, CGA Association of PEI.

CGA training is available through a continuing education correspondence course offered by Laurentian University.

For more information, call **CGA Student Services** at **1-800-561-7110**

or visit www.thinkcga.org