

# Employers looking to hire students and new graduates

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The **UPEI Career Showcase and Job Fair** held in March provided an opportunity for students and new graduates to meet with employers looking to hire for year-round and summer positions.

The information below highlights career opportunities and websites that may help in your job search.

## UPEI Student Summer Jobs



**Sam Buchanan, Assistant Manager, Conference Services**

“Each summer, **UPEI** rents out residences and classroom space for conference events. Post-secondary students are hired for **10 Front Desk** and **20 Housekeeping** positions. Jobs run from the last week of April until September. We look for students with an interest in the hospitality industry and some customer service experience, and we train on the job. We are flexible and will schedule work hours around the student’s schedule.”

To apply, visit [www.upei.ca](http://www.upei.ca) and search **Careers at UPEI** click on **Student Positions**.



## 721 Communication Regiment



**Sergeant Bryan Irving, Unit Recruiter**

**721 Communication Regiment**, based in Charlottetown, offers part-time employment from September to June, working one evening per week and two weekends per month. During the summer, work is full-time and soldiers are sent off-Island for two months of training. Applicants must be at least 16 years old, be a Canadian citizen, and have six grade 10 credits. They must pass a medical exam, background check, and then an aptitude test will determine the job they are best suited for.

To apply, call **Sergeant Bryan Irving** at 368-0162 or e-mail [721cr.recruit@forces.gc.ca](mailto:721cr.recruit@forces.gc.ca)



## Canada Revenue Agency

“We are currently recruiting bilingual candidates for positions in Summerside and Charlottetown,” says Rod. “The CRA is one of the largest employers in the federal public service.”

There are employment opportunities across the country for students looking for careers. If people are mobile, there are opportunities to move to different positions across Canada.

“Most clerical and officer entry-level positions require a minimum of grade 12, but accounting or business training is an asset. Training for these positions is provided. CRA also supports employees who wish to pursue continued education.”

“Depending on the time of year, between 1,000 and 1,400 people work for CRA on PEI. About 500 of those jobs are seasonal and run from March to October. On PEI, most jobs are at the Tax Centre in Summerside.”

Visit [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca) and click on **Job opportunities** to find out about openings across the country.



**Jillian Banks, Processing Officer, and Rod Gallant, Resourcing Advisor/ Student Advisor Atlantic Region**

## Fisheries and Oceans Canada

The hiring process starts with an on-line application.

Applicants for fishery officers write a series of three tests, then go on to the interview phase. Psychological, medical and background checks come next. Successful candidates get 17 weeks of training in the **Fisheries Officer Career Progression Program**, including nine weeks at the RCMP depot in Regina.

“In the last few years, DFO has hired about 40 fisheries officers per year across Canada,” says Ottis. “About 20 fisheries officers work on PEI. Many have a background in biology, fisheries, law enforcement, or working as a hunting or fishing guide.”

Hiring is done on-line. For a list of job openings, visit [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca) Click on **Careers** and then on **Current Job Openings**. The site also has career fact sheets and employee profiles.



**Ottis McInnis, Conservation and Protection Branch, DFO**

