

Clean Energy Research Co-op Opportunity



The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to the stewardship and sustainable growth of Victoria's vibrant working harbour. We have a co-op position within the sustainability team for the summer, which will run from May 12 to August 29, 2025.

Purpose of Position

To support Greater Victoria Harbour Authority in our journey towards becoming more sustainable and reducing greenhouse gas emissions across our properties. The position is within the innovation team. The person will collaborate closely with the Sustainability Manager and other team members as well as external partners. The primary research question in this role is to determine: "Which clean energy technologies can GVHA implement to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions?"

Specific Accountabilities

- Research clean energy technologies (level of technical maturity – developed vs. in development).
- Develop, in consultation with staff and external stakeholders, a strategy mapping potential technologies for consideration and implementation at GVHA properties.
- Create appropriate financial, social, environmental, technological, demographic criteria to prioritize actions within the strategy.
- Present findings and recommendations for near and long-term implementation of clean energy technologies.
- Assist the Sustainability Manager with communication around sustainability for internal and external initiatives and events.
- Represents GVHA in a professional and courteous manner.

Working Conditions

- 37.5 hours a week from May 12 through August 29, 2025.
- Open office environment.
- Regular site visits to GVHA properties around the Victoria harbour.
- Evenings and/or weekends may be required due to operational requirements and/or to participate in events.
- Exposure to various weather and operating conditions.

Experience and Education

- College/University student in Sustainability, (Clean) Energy, Climate Action, Environmental Science or any related field of study.
- Experience in doing desk research.
- Proficient with computers and all MS Office applications.
- Experience in community engagement and client relations.

Personal Attributes

- Excellent communication skills.
- Can provide clear and concise information.
- Can work independently and collaboratively in a team environment.
- Ability to take initiative.
- Ability to study and apply different research methods.
- Interested in learning about new topics and technologies.

What We Offer

- Training and Development: opportunities for professional development in the field of clean energy and sustainability.
- Supportive Work Environment: a workplace culture that values diversity, inclusivity, and respect for Indigenous knowledge and practices.
- Compensation: \$23.00/hour plus 4% vacation pay
- Location: at GVHA's main office in downtown Victoria

How To Apply

To apply for this position, please email your resume and cover letter to hr@gvha.ca. The posting closes on Monday, February 17th at 5pm.

GVHA operates on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən People, the Songhees Nation and X̱sepsəm (Esquimalt) Nation. GVHA is dedicated to encouraging a supportive and inclusive culture amongst our workforce. Our goal is to ensure all employees are given equal opportunity, and that GVHA is representative of all sections of society.