

Start your search now Full-time job market opens up

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A strong economy in many parts of Canada has employers lining up to hire university graduates in all disciplines at the Student Employment Service (SES) on campus.

Companies such as Imperial Oil, General Motors, Canadian National, Matrox, Ontario Hydro, Fluor Daniel, J.D. Irving, Celestica, Procter and Gamble, and G.E. Canada, are already seeking resumes from UNB and St. Thomas students graduating in the Spring of 2001.

In fact, most of these companies will be arriving on campus in the next several weeks to conduct interviews. "So far, we are noticing most of the same companies arriving on campus to recruit students as we saw last year, but those companies have more positions they are looking to fill," said Lois Clowater, Manager of the Student Employment Service.

"We are also noticing that many of these companies have more variety in terms of the kinds of positions they are looking to fill."

She said companies once looking to fill engineering positions are also looking for business graduates or graduates with cross-disciplinary skills.

While graduating students in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Chemical Engineering should experience no shortage of job opportunities, there also now appear to be jobs available for students in the liberal arts, fine arts, and Arts/Sciences.

The SES was recently visited by an employer from New England, looking for graduates in Psychology, Sociology, Social Work and graduate students in Education with a counselling specialty.

An employer from Massachusetts, where there is virtually no unemployment, conducted three days of interviews recently, and hired five graduates to fill immediate needs and plans to return in January or February 2001 to look for May graduates, Clowater said.

Outstanding growth in jobs is also being recorded in Education. Clowater said teaching jobs are now becoming available in many areas of Canada and the U.S.A.

"While teaching jobs have been available consistently for years in the more northerly areas of Canada, the Peel School District in Ontario, for example, expects to hire 1,000 to 3,000 Education graduates yearly for the next several years.

Other areas where graduating students should see bright employment outlooks next Spring are in Computer Science, Business and Nursing.

Clowater is urging Spring 2001 graduates or recent graduates of UNB and St. Thomas to prepare a resume for job openings as soon as possible.

The SES is available to help students with their resumes, a cover letter, and references and will help provide information on a prospective employer.

Students should not wait until after or just before graduation to begin looking for a full-time job, Clowater explained. "A prospective graduating student who gets on board now could participate in 20 to 25 job postings and could get four to six interviews with some receiving employment offers almost immediately," Clowater said.

Program, which hires university students in the Summer months and provides part-time work during the Fall in various government departments.

Clowater said there are a growing number of job opportunities for graduates looking to work abroad.

She plans to give top priority to jobs offered by employers that have already been vetted by the Canadian government.

During the current academic year, a total of five staff members at the SES help full and part-time students at UNB and STU with what are expected to be about 2,000 full and part-time job opportunities that will become or are already available; up from 1,200 opportunities last year.

Assistance is also provided to international students and to recent graduates.

Among the staff complement are two part-time regular employees, two part-time student assistants, and a full-time Manager. "Our two student assistants will be co-ordinating part-time jobs and Summer 2001 job opportunities," Clowater indicated.

Clowater is also hoping to add another part-time student soon and several Masters degree students on internships will help job seekers with resumes and help in preparation for interviews.

Just what is an employer looking for when considering whether to hire a recent graduate? Clowater said employers are looking for balance. "A student who can maintain academic responsibilities, part-time work, activities on campus, or those with family responsibilities or who commute to classes, would fit into the category," she said.

"Employers are looking for well-rounded candidates - those with scholastic attainment, leadership qualities, and some work experience."



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The Student Employment Service is located in The Neville Homestead.

"Those who wait until April or May next year will not get that opportunity, since companies tend to recruit in the Fall term and in January or February.

The SES also helps employers with special campaigns.

The Federal Public Service Commission will be on campus in both the Fall and Winter months looking for graduating students in various disciplines.

The provincial government is currently looking for 20 recent or upcoming graduates for two-year internships in the Civil Service.

The employment service on campus helps the federal government with its Student Work Experience

Lots of part-time job listings

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The Manager of the Student Employment Service (SES) on campus, Lois Clowater, is noticing an increase in the number and variety of part-time student jobs in the Fredericton area this Fall.

"There is more work and more of it," she explained. "While some part-time student jobs are for defined periods of time, most are for continuous part-time employment."

Part-time jobs are available in retail, with the cleaning service on campus, at the Aitken Centre, the Pre-school Centre, Mail Boxes, Etc., the YMCA, Global Child Care, Tip Top Tailors, and the Wu Conference

Centre, to name just a few.

Other more professional-type part-time jobs become available from time to time with local companies or organizations carrying out research projects.

Some part-time student jobs carry rates of pay of \$10 per hour. "A couple of child care positions are paying \$10 per hour, which was unheard of several years ago," Clowater said.

"There are positions in child care, such as activity co-ordinators, child care providers and tutors, where people with more skills and background are wanted and employers seem willing to pay for that," she said.

UNB and STU students looking

for part-time jobs should visit the SES, located in Neville Homestead on Mackay Drive on the UNB Fredericton campus.

Job postings are also available on the UNB website at <http://www.unb.ca/postings>.

Two awards for CHSR-FM

The Standard Broadcasting Award for Excellence in Community Involvement and the Marconi College Radio Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music Specialty Programming were both bestowed on the UNB/STU community radio station.

The Standard Broadcasting Award is an initiative of Standard Broadcasting, Inc., to reward the campus and community radio sector for its achievements in a variety of categories. This year, CHSR won in the Community Involvement category for its role in bringing Freedom 50 Radio to the airwaves.

CHSR recognized the potential of Freedom 50 Radio and what it could offer its target audience of seniors and mature persons, and decided to help the fledgling organization toward its goal of its own radio station by providing the necessary technical and structural resources.

CHSR scored its second award when "Rhythm People," CHSR's long-running Caribbean music show, hosted by Michael Sutherland, beat out stations from all across Canada and the U.S. to win in the "Music Specialty Programming" category.

Station hires development officer

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CHSR-FM has created a new full-time position designed to promote awareness of the radio station and coordinate fundraising activities. Melissa Kaestner has been moved to the position of Development and Promotions Manager.

Tristis Ward, CHSR-FM Station Manager, said the new position is an experiment aimed at stabilizing revenue for the station. CHSR receives 75% of its budget from student fees at UNB and St. Thomas, but raises the remaining 25% from sponsorships, advertising and fundraising.

In the past, the external funding has not been consistently raised, leading to budget cuts towards the end of the fiscal year.

"CHSR takes our responsibility for fiscal management very seriously," said Ward. "We recognize the need to acquire funds from sources other than the student fees, and believe this new initiative will best achieve that."

Ward is also worried a number of new radio stations which are set to open their doors in and around Fredericton may impact CHSR's ability to raise revenue. Those new stations may also force CHSR to decide soon whether to boost its signal strength above 50 watts or face a signal reassessment to a different frequency.

The CHSR-FM Board of Directors, which met late last week to consider the proposal, has granted the position a six month evaluation period. If the position does not result in sufficient revenue to cover the outlay of salary and meet a budget goal, after expenses of \$17,500, the position will be discontinued.

"We have no intention of increasing our budget to pay for this position. At a bare minimum this position will raise enough money to pay for its salary and meet our revenue targets," Ward said.

"We're trying new ways to do things. If this one doesn't work, we're going to stop it and go in another direction."

Take Back the Night March Tonight

Tonight, (September 29th) Fredericton women will mark the 16th year they have been taking part in the Take Back the Night March.

The March will begin at 8:00 p.m. in front of City Hall on Queen Street. The guest speaker will be Nancy Hartling, Co-chair of the N.B. Committee, World March of Women 2000.

The Take Back the Night March is held annually across Canada, with women uniting in a collective voice to protest the violence perpetrated against them.

It is also a celebration of women working together towards the eradication of violence.

The March in Fredericton and other Canadian communities is of particular significance this year. It is being held in conjunction with the World March of Women (WMW) 2000. Launched on March 8th, (International Women's Day) the WMW is an international campaign against poverty and violence against women and will culminate with a World Rally in New York on October 17th. This rally is in conjunction with solidarity events across the world, including a mass demonstration in Ottawa, on October 15th.

Fredericton's contribution will be a rally on October 13th. Petitions demanding action on poverty and violence against women will be presented to the Premier and members of the provincial cabinet.

"It's Time for Change," is the slogan of the WMW and complements the message of the Take Back the Night March. The message is the demand for the right of women to be safe in our homes, workplaces, and communities, Lorraine Whalley of the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre says.

The march is organized by the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre with the support of the NB and Fredericton Committees of the World March of Women 2000.

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