Shorefast

About the Role

Title: Data Intern- Summer Student Position
Team: Shorefast Institute
Location: (Fogo Island Preferred)Hybrid/Remote
Position Type: Summer Position
Duration June to August 2025

Who We Are

Shorefast is one of North America's most creative and notable social enterprises and the charitable organization behind the world-renowned Fogo Island Inn, Fogo Island Workshops, Fogo Island Fish, and Fogo Island Arts. Our work has garnered significant international interest including a feature on 60 Minutes and in The New York Times' 52 Places for a Changed World. The mission of Shorefast is to build, learn, and share economic development practices that catalyse the assets of local places, starting with Fogo Island.

Learn more about us: shorefast.org

The Opportunity

Shorefast is seeking a full-time Summer student to support the launch of new programming for the Shorefast Institute for Place-Based Economies. This role offers an exciting opportunity to work alongside creative social enterprise professionals building economic and cultural resilience in communities. We are looking for a creative, adept individual to map both quantitative and qualitative data in a new form of community economic mapping.

This is a full-time position requiring 40 hours per week from May to August 2025 with flexible start and end dates. This is a remote student position with opportunities to work on-site if the student selects to complete their employment on Fogo Island or is located in Toronto.

What You'll Do

Reporting to the **Financial Innovation Lead,** duties will vary depending on project needs, but will include:

- **Map Development**: Collaborate with the Shorefast Institute team and partner organizations to design and implement a map integrating multiple quantitative and qualitative data sets for Fogo Island. This tool will help communities visualize and leverage local assets as part of a broader suite of economic literacy resources being developed by the Institute.
- **Contribute to the Development of Data Toolsets**: Support the creation of additional data collection and visualization tools. You'll participate in meetings with leading experts in data visualization, contribute ideas, and assist with project coordination and documentation.
- **Conduct Research in Economic Mapping and Visualization:** Work alongside the Financial Innovation Lead to gather insights and conduct research that informs the design of tools aimed at increasing economic literacy through clear, place-based data visualization.

Qualifications and Experience

- Currently enrolled in a Master's program (or equivalent) in geography, geology, oceanographic studies, economics, urban planning, or related field at a Canadian university
- Experience with GIS mapping tools (experience with Esri software is required)
- Strong background in data analysis and research methodologies
- Able to work independently and meet deadlines
- Demonstrated interest in community economic development and making economic systems more visible and accessible to communities

What We Offer

- Competitive salary
- Team member discounts within our businesses (Fogo Island Inn and Fogo Island Workshops)
- Housing and relocation assistance (if electing to move to Fogo Island, not required)
- The technology necessary to complete your work
- Access to an employee work-out room, to support personal well-being
- An engaged, highly supportive, and collaborative environment that encourages creativity and curiosity
- The opportunity to work in a thriving social enterprise

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter and resume to **careers@shorefast.org**, with the subject line "**GIS Intern- Summer Student Position**;" Questions about this position may also be directed here.

Deadline for Applications: Until Filled

We are grateful for all applications, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

At Shorefast, we endeavour to foster an accessible work environment and to ensure all in our care feel safe and valued. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to accommodate a more accessible or inclusive application process.