The Mount is known for its innovative programs. One of our newest is the four-year Bachelor of Science (Science Communication) program. This program includes an optional 13–16 week internship after students’ 3rd year of study. *We invite you to partner with the Mount and become the first group of employers to work with Science Communication Interns for Summer 2013.*

This exciting program capitalizes on the Mount’s strengths in the areas of communication studies and science. It fills a gap for well-qualified science communicators who can work with government departments, school districts, university researchers, non-profit agencies, private sector companies and media outlets to name a few. The BSc (Science Communication) interns can work in fields such as:

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Science communicators form the bridge between science and the work of scientists, and the larger public. Science communication includes all of those processes and practices by which science becomes part of our larger culture.

James Hoggan, environmental author and Chair of the David Suzuki Foundation, says:

“*I sincerely believe that top employers in industry, public relations and potentially in the media, will be scrambling to employ [these] graduates.*”

Partnering organizations are invited to work with a Science Communication Intern for Summer 2013. Submit a project description to co-op@msvu.ca by **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**. These interns are available for unpaid 13 - 16 week internships from May - August 2013.

**WHAT AN INTERN CAN DO FOR YOU?**

- Translate scientific information into easy to understand communication pieces for the public
- Develop a strategy for communication both inside and outside your department with a variety of publics
- Create patient or public education materials
- Develop a social media strategy and its initial implementation
- Assist with the development of papers and/or presentation materials for scientific conferences
- Coordinate media materials

**BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH AN INTERN**

- **Great Opportunity:** Access skilled and highly motivated employees on a short-term basis
- **New Perspective:** Work with interns who are enthusiastic, motivated and committed, and will bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to your workplace
- **Perfect Solution:** Complete those hard-to-get-to projects
- **Flexibility:** Work with students for unpaid internships or at a student salary
6 EASY STEPS TO RECRUIT AN INTERN:

**STEP 1: PREPARE A POSITION DESCRIPTION**
Include a project title, duties and responsibilities of the position, start and end dates, confirmation of 35 hours per week and salary (if applicable).

**STEP 2: SEND TO THE CO-OP OFFICE**
Email your project description to co-op@msvu.ca by **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**. Once we receive the posting, we will send you a confirmation within one business day. Students will submit their applications to our office and we will forward the resume package to you on **Friday, February 15, 2013**.

**STEP 3: SELECT INTERNS FOR INTERVIEWS**
Complete the ‘Interview Requirement Form’ enclosed in your resume package. We will arrange your interviews with the interns according to your specifications during the **Wednesday, February 27 to Friday, March 8, 2013** interview period.

**STEP 4: RANK THE INTERNS**
After the interviews, rank the interns in order of your preference. You should only rank interns you deem suitable for the position as ranking an intern constitutes an offer. Submit your ‘Ranking Form’ to the Co-op Office by **Noon (AST) on Friday, March 8, 2013**. Include the start & end dates and any applicable compensation.

Interns will be provided with the results of their interviews, i.e. a list of the partnering organizations that ranked them for a position. **Note**: the interns will not know their ranking order, only that they were ranked. The interns will then submit their preferences to the Co-op Office based on these results.

The Co-op Office will combine the numerical sum of the partnering organization’s ranking and the intern’s preference to determine the best match.

**STEP 5: CONFIRM IN WRITING**
Partnering organizations will be notified via telephone or e-mail by the Co-op Office of the match results by **Wednesday, March 13, 2013**.

After speaking with the successful intern, forward a letter of confirmation to the Co-op Office.

**STEP 6: PREPARE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE INTERN**
Make arrangements for the intern’s work space, technical needs and orientation/training.

Please note: Partnering organizations will be required to complete a mid-term work site visit with a Mount representative and complete an on-line end of term evaluation.

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**SUMMER 2013 INTERNSHIP - IMPORTANT DATES**

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Bachelor of Science (Science Communication)

Course List

COMMUNICATION STUDIES (7 UNITS)

All students in the program are required to take the following courses (4.5 units):

- COMM 1501, Foundations of Science Communication
- WRIT 1120, Writing: Theory & Practice
- PBRL 2012, PR Writing: Theory & Practice
- PBRL 2013, Communication: Theory & Practice
- PBRL 2015, Audiovisual Communication
- COMM 2211, Intro to Public Speaking
- PBRL 3022, Text-based Media
- COMM 4500, Science Communication & the Media: Issues, Risks & Crisis
- COMM 4501, Designing Science Communication Campaigns

All students in the program select 2.5 units from the following courses:

- WRIT 2222, Intro to Editing
- PBRL 3013, Mass Media & Public Opinion
- ENGL/WRIT 2220, Writing to Influence
- ENGL/WRIT 3330, Myths & Theories about Writing
- WRIT 3331, Advanced Studies in Writing I
- COMM 4511, Health Communication
- ENGL/WRIT 4405, Special Topics
- PBRL 4405, Senior Seminar

CORE SCIENCE (4 UNITS)

All students in the program are required to take the following courses (3.5 units):

- BIOL 1152, Intro Biology I
- BIOL 1153, Intro Biology II
- CHEM 1011, Intro Chemistry I
- CHEM 1012, Intro Chemistry II
- PSYC 1110, Intro to Psychology as a Natural Science
- PSYC 1120, Intro to Psychology as a Social Science
- PSYC 2209, Research Methods

All students in the program select one of the following environmental science courses (0.5 unit):

- BIOL 2213, Environmental Science
- CHEM 2505, Environmental Chemistry

BIOLOGY FOCUS (4 UNITS)

- All students selecting the biology focus will select 4 further units at the 2000 level or above, of which 2 must be at the 3000 level or above.

CHEMISTRY FOCUS (4 UNITS)

- All students selecting the chemistry focus will select 4 further units at the 2000 level or above, of which 2 must be at the 3000 level or above.

PSYCHOLOGY FOCUS (4 UNITS)

- All students selecting the psychology focus will select 4 further units at the 2000 level or above, of which 2 must be at the 3000 level or above.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS (5 UNITS)

All students in the program are required to take the following courses (3.5 units):

- COMM 3501, Internship OR COMM 3502, Major Project Seminar (each of these is 1 unit)
- MATH 2208 & 2209 Intro to Probability and Statistics (1 unit total)
- PHIL 2229, Contemporary Moral Problems
- LIBR 2100, Intro to Research in the Information Age
- HIST 2250, History of Science
Please complete and email this form along with your position description to co-op@msvu.ca
Any inquiries: please call (902) 457-6493

☐ Yes, our organization would like to recruit a Mount BSc (Science Communication) intern for the Summer 2013 (May to August) term.

☐ Post project description attached

Organization: ____________________________________________________________

Contact: _______________________________ Position Title: _______________________________

Street Address: _______________________________ Suite/Room #: _______________________________

City/Province: _______________________________ Postal Code: _______________________________

Phone: _______________________________ Fax: _______________________________

E-mail: _______________________________ Web: _______________________________

Company Type:
☐ Not-for-Profit ☐ Federal Government
☐ Private (Large) ☐ Provincial Government
☐ Private (Small/Medium) ☐ Municipal Government

☐ This project is being advertised elsewhere to recruit students.

☐ Are you a Mount alumnae?

☐ Please contact me to discuss my recruitment needs.

Please note:

- Position descriptions must be approved by the appropriate academic department as a relevant learning experience.
- The Co-operative Education Program at Mount Saint Vincent University complies with the Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy act of the Province of Nova Scotia. Information collected on forms is used in the normal course of the Co-operative Education Program operations in accordance with this legislation.