

Find Your Summer Job

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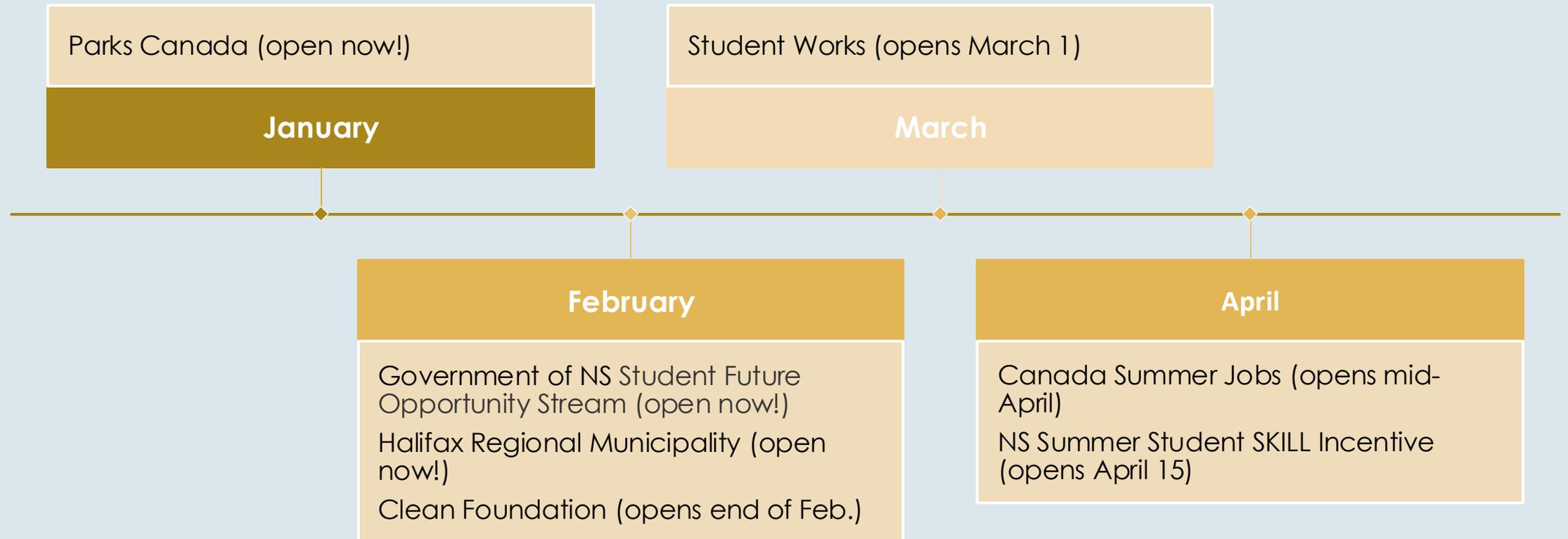
Poll: What summer job would be great to have?

A note on self declaring

- Self declaring is **voluntary** and can be done on a case-by-case basis in your job search.
- People can usually self declare as Indigenous, African Nova Scotian, a visible minority, living with a disability, and/or part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, among other options.
- **Because there is always risk in self declaring**, you may want to self declare **if** you perceive there is an advantage in the hiring process.

Timeline for applying

Timeline for applying to student jobs



Poll: What salary range do you think these jobs have?

On campus jobs



Student Works summer 2026

Salary and terms of work

- \$18.50 per hour + fringe
- 32.5 hours per week
- Usually 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday to Friday
- May 4 to August 14
- On campus

Good to know for 2026

- 7 job postings open on [MSVU Career Connects](#) from Sunday, March 1 to Friday, March 13 at 12 p.m. **Student Works jobs are not eligible for practicum, co-op, or internship.**
- You must demonstrate financial need (instructions are in the job postings). There is no limit on the number of students accepted; open to domestic and international students (no age limit). There is a competitive interview process.
- You must register for courses for Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 **AS** you apply.



Student Works summer 2026 – Eligibility

- Demonstrate financial need by completing the Student Works Budget Sheet (in the job posting).
- Be a Mount student for the 2026/27 academic year and registered in 1.5 units in both the Fall and Winter terms (1.0 unit in each term if registered with Accessibility Services)
- If a domestic student, must have either a government student loan, sponsorship or bank funding (if applicable)
- Be living in Canada and available to work on-campus
- Have a valid Canadian social insurance number and bank account
- Hold a valid study permit (if an international student)



Steps to apply to Student Works

MSVU Career Connects
careerconnects.msvu.ca



MSVUSU hiring in February for 2026-27

- MSVUSU is hiring 15+ students for the 2026-27 academic year.
- Contracts begin May 1, 2026 with many positions starting in late August.
- **Deadline to apply is Saturday, February 21 at 11:59 p.m.**

[Apply here \(MSVUSU website\)](#)

Off campus jobs

Poll: What's one skill you think off campus employers are looking for?

Summer job posting platforms

Open now – [Parks Canada](#). *Best for students who would consider relocating for summer work. Recreation and historical-interpretation focused. Canadian citizens and permanent residents up to 30 years old can apply.

***NEW! Open now – [Government of Nova Scotia Student Future Opportunity Stream](#).** Collecting pools of student applications for various positions; apply as soon as possible. Must be returning student. No age limit indicated; no barriers indicated for international students applying.

Open now – [Halifax Regional Municipality Parks & Recreation](#). Recreation and youth focused. Apply now. Must be a returning student; domestic and international students can apply. No age limit.

Opening at the end of February – [Clean Foundation Leadership Summer Internship \(NS & PEI\)](#). Science-based and non-science-based jobs in sustainability and climate change. Domestic and international students up to 30 years old can apply. Requires registration. Check for designated jobs.



Summer job posting platforms

Opens mid-April – [Canada Summer Jobs](#). Variety of jobs open throughout the summer. Canadian citizens and permanent residents up to 30 years old can apply.

***Opens April 15 – [Nova Scotia Student Summer Skills Incentive](#).** Variety of positions. Look for the Summer Job Catalogue (PDF) on the main page. Domestic and international students can apply. No age limit.

MSVU CAREER CONNECTS

Great for off campus jobs, for the summer and year-round too!

NOVA SCOTIA WORKS – JOB SEARCH

Job postings collected by centres across NS

IMPACT ORGANIZATIONS OF NS – JOB BOARD

Job postings in the community/advocacy field

CAREER BEACON

Use 'More Filters' tab to look for 'Only student jobs'

Instagram [@halifaxnoisejobs](https://www.instagram.com/halifaxnoisejobs)
Local jobs posted regularly

Other job posting platforms



Reverse searches

Research and align your values with the employer's

[Canada's Best Diversity Employers](#)

[Canada's Top Employers for Young People](#)

Impact Organizations of Nova Scotia – [Sector Network Map](#) (advocacy)

[Nova Scotia 211](#) (database of community and government services)

[Nova Scotia Loyal](#) (directory of producers, food service providers, retailers)

Field-specific searches



What resources exist in your field?

Kinds of resources

Associations

Certification organizations

Directories

Social enterprises

Agencies, centres, or
research institutions

Examples

[DAN](#) – Digital Agency Network in Canada, US, Europe, Asia, and Australia. See 'Agencies' tab.

Downtown Halifax Business Commission – [Business Directory](#). Search by area of business.

Halifax Chamber of Commerce – [Member Directory](#). Search by area of business.

Taste of Nova Scotia – [Member Directory](#). Culinary experiences, products, and restaurants.

Resources



Resources

Quick, practical resources

[MSVU Career Services Events & Workshop Materials](#) web page

- Combination-style resume template
- Resume and Cover Letter Handbook
- LinkedIn profile updating

Elevator pitch

[The 15-minute Method to Writing an Unforgettable Elevator Speech](#), The Muse website

Interview questions

[60+ Most Common Interview Questions and Answers](#), The Muse website

Using Generative AI

Remember, you are the content editor! Make sure you review and add yourself into the text: your personal perspectives and/or qualifiers and quantifiers like themes, numbers, lengths of time, patterns of skills you've developed, and demographics of people you've worked with.

Thank you!

CAREER SERVICES

One-on-one appointments
Virtual or in-person
now and through the summer
*Must be living in Canada

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Job search support
Resume/cover letter
Interview coaching
Career indecision
Graduate school applications