

Calgary tour de nuit Society



2015 Part-time Political Science Intern

is one of the most influential (commuter) cycling organizations in English Canada. The *Tour de Nuit* Society is the event planner of the ['Ride the Road' tour](#); executed the most comprehensive bike promotion program this summer whilst maintaining a full research portfolio. Calgary taxpayers were saved \$3 million in 2012 by two interns, the Tour has twice had removed unsafe and/or unpopular infrastructure in unprecedented campaigns. You can be part of a government relations program at the provincial level where we had an instrumental role in the completion of the Legacy Trail. Join us and drive the commuter cycling agenda in Calgary.

Separated bicycle infrastructure has been proven to be an effective technique to reduce the risk to experienced and potential bicycle commuters. Reducing risk generates demand. In November 2009, the *Tour* proposed to the City Transportation Department physically separated bike lanes through the heart of downtown Calgary— [the 5th and 6th Ave south](#)—with no loss in traffic capacity. We commissioned the engineering report.

2012 was the fortieth anniversary of a five million dollar Council decision to fund on-street bike infrastructure (worth sixty million today.) To mark the occasion we created a political science internship. Undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in: policy development, applied research, regulatory affairs and/or applied government relations should apply. Interns will be assigned and manage a discrete project. You will work with minimal supervision.

If you are passionate about bringing about a change in attitudes in the City of Calgary and you want to hone your skills we want to hear from you. You will be functioning in a non-partisan environment across party lines with multiple stakeholders.

The role of Political Science Intern is to:

- Provide political analysis and predictions
- Educate decision makers about *Tour de Nuit* programs and policies
- Write content for website, blog and social media
- Develop decision analysis of multiple policy options
- And other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Excellent research skills and enrolment in a relevant post-secondary discipline
- Computer skills (Microsoft Office Suite)
- Excellent verbal and presentation skills
- Ability to function in a team environment with multi-disciplinary members
- Creative thinker prepared to articulate and sell new concepts

This position is available under the [Serving Communities Internship Program](#) and certain eligibility conditions apply. Schedule is a flexible 80 hours over this academic year. A \$1,000 bursary is paid upon completion. Apply to: staffing@morepeoplecycling.ca



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