

# **2025 Summer Student Positions** Alberni Pacific Railway

#### The **Alberni Pacific Railway** is seeking **two enthusiastic and motivated summer students** to join our team. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a living piece of Vancouver Island's history while gaining hands-on experience in both heritage preservation and tourism services.

**Location:** Port Alberni, BC

**Employment Type:** Full-time, 7 hours per day/5 days per week for 8 weeks, Friday through Tuesday. Start date July 1, 2025. Pay rate: \$17.85 per hour.

Application Deadline: June 9, 2025

### **Position Title**

Railway Equipment Restoration Technician

### **Key Responsibilities**

#### Railway Duties (Train runs 3 days/week):

- Assist with train operations and passenger service
- Greet and interact with passengers, providing local history and railway facts
- Read from the historical tour script over the PA system during rides
- Assist passengers with boarding and detraining (including children, pets, and individuals with disabilities)
- Support ticket sales at the station and help organize events

#### Museum/Grounds Maintenance:

- Perform basic landscape maintenance (weed-eating, lawn mowing, trimming blackberry bushes)
- Clean and maintain railway coaches: sweep floors, wipe down seats, polish/wax exterior
- Decorate coaches for events and conduct minor painting/clean-up tasks
- Take out garbage and ensure cleanliness and presentation of passenger coaches and public areas
- Assist in minor maintenance of historic rail equipment

The Alberni Pacific Railway is operated by the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society. Operated on the unceded traditional territory of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations.

# **Qualifications & Skills**

- Enjoy working with the public and sharing stories
- Professional, reliable, and proactive with good communication skills
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Physically capable of walking throughout the site, lifting up to 50 lbs, and moving safely through a train coach in motion
- Interest in heritage railways, local history, and tourism in the Alberni Valley

## Eligibility

- Must be returning to school in the fall (post-secondary or secondary)
- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period
- Able to work flexible hours, including weekends and holidays
- Training will be provided

# Why Join Us?

This internship offers a memorable experience combining local heritage, hands-on restoration, public engagement, and event coordination. You'll gain valuable skills in tourism, communications, operations, and customer service—all while helping preserve and share the story of the Alberni Pacific Railway and Alberni Valley.

#### To Apply:

Submit your resume and a brief cover letter explaining your interest in the position and any relevant experience to: <u>info@albernipacificrailway.ca</u>