

Internal <input type="checkbox"/> / External <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26-04			
Position:	ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE STUDENT	Number of Positions:	1
Classification:	STUDENT NON-UNION	FTE:	31.5 HRS TO 35 HRS/WEEK
Existing Vacancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Department:	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Program:	VECTOR BORNE DISEASE & RABIES
Location:	BARRIE	Anticipated Date of Hire:	JUNE 1, 2026
Salary Range:	\$21.20 – \$22.20 HOURLY	Position Duration:	ANTICIPATED TO LAST UP TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2026, WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT TO AN EXTENSION IF REQUIRED
		Posting Date:	FEBRUARY 11, 2026
Criminal Record Check:	Required <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Vulnerable Sector Screening:	Required <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>Purpose of Position: The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is a public health agency providing services to approximately 500,000 residents in Simcoe Muskoka. Located approximately one hour north of Toronto, in Central Ontario, the region offers beautiful beaches and excellent recreational activities, including hiking and cycling trails, golfing and camping. In addition, we offer an accredited health unit with a reputation as an innovative and dynamic agency committed to professional development. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is seeking enthusiastic, post-secondary students to work within the Vector Borne Disease and Rabies program.</p>			
<p>Responsibilities: Successful candidates will be working within a team implementing various aspects of the Vector Borne Disease surveillance program for the health unit. The student(s) may be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting environmental surveillance activities, collecting samples (such as mosquitoes, surface water); • Meeting with the public and municipal staff; • Packaging and shipping samples and specimens to laboratories; • Mapping and photographing locations throughout Simcoe Muskoka; • Moderate, physical activity associated with working in rough terrain in summer conditions; • Data collection and input; and • Equipment maintenance and inventory. 			
<p>Specific knowledge, skills, abilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work as a team; • Strong interpersonal and communication skills; • Critical thinking and problem-solving skills; • Demonstrated initiative and ability to work independently; 			

- Experience with conflict resolution;
- Strong computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access; and
- Valid Class G driver's license and reliable vehicle for travel throughout Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka.

Education:

- Currently enrolled in a university level post-secondary program in one of the following areas of study: environmental, biological or health studies;
- Minimum entering year 2 of a post-secondary program.

Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications which are considered assets in this competition:

- Enrolled in a CIPHI approved environmental health program;
- Previous related experience with Environmental Health programs; and
- Familiarity with Simcoe Muskoka area.

Working Conditions:

This position will involve work both indoors and outdoors. The role requires standing (indoor and outdoor) and walking in rough terrain.

Deadline: 4:00 pm, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Applicants interested in applying for this position, please forward your completed application to Human Resources at hr@smdhu.org referencing posting #26-04 in the subject line. Your formal application consists of submitting both an up to date résumé and a separate cover letter including specific examples in detail of how you meet the minimum requirements and qualifications of this position.

The cover letter is to clearly identify:

- How your education meets the educational requirements listed.
- Specific examples of how your experience meets the experience requirements listed.
- Specific examples of how your experience meets each of the minimum requirements of the job listed.
- Specific examples of how your education and/or experience meet each of the preferred assets listed in this competition.

Applicants who fail to satisfactorily provide all of the detailed information requested above in their cover letter will be deemed to not meet the minimum job requirements listed in this job posting. Accordingly, their application will not be considered in this competition.

Following submission of your e-mailed cover letter and resume, you will receive a standard reply e-mail confirming your e-mail was received by SMDHU. If you do not receive this confirmation e-mail your electronic application was not received and you will not be considered. Also, if SMDHU's confirmation e-mail is dated/timed after the posting deadline, your application will not be considered as you would have missed the application deadline.

If selected for an interview, candidates may be assessed through testing and/or by providing a presentation/portfolio highlighting examples of their work that is applicable to the position being applied to.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is an equal opportunity employer. Accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process upon request. Due to the number of qualified applications we receive, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada.