# Youth Work Experience – Spring Semester 2018 School Programs – Ecology Field School Educator Deadline to apply is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



### **Role summary:**

- Students will have the opportunity to build their knowledge of our local BC intertidal animals/ecosystems and the skills that researchers use to study them
- WEX students will do this by working in a team to facilitate education programs (Grade 4-12) through a series of activities including (but not limited to):
  - o Collecting plankton samples and look at them under a microscope
  - Biodiversity surveys
  - Water quality testing
  - Shore crab population surveys
- Students will be empowered to make positive changes within their lives and to inspire others to do the same

## **Desired skills and experience:**

- An interest in working outdoors and in possibly inclement weather
- Students who are outgoing, enthusiastic and self-motivated;
- High level of professionalism and commitment (i.e. sense of responsibility);
- Interest in marine biology/animals;
- Experience and/or genuine interest in educating or interacting with visitors, especially children and youth peers (grade levels 4-12);
- Strong communications and problem-solving skills;
- Highly flexible and adaptable to new and changing situations.

## **Special requirements:**

• Students currently in grades 10-12.

#### **Commitment:**

Every Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## **Work environment:**

• Stanley Park, near the Aquarium. This role requires students to be outside for most of their shift.

## **Shifts available:**

• 9:00am - 3:00pm

## **Mandatory Training:**

- Core Training = Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am 4:00pm
- Specific Training = Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am 3:30pm

# To apply:

- To apply, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.vanaqua.org/join/hands-on/work-experience/opportunities-available">http://www.vanaqua.org/join/hands-on/work-experience/opportunities-available</a> and follow the instructions on the webpage.
- All interested students must attend the group interview on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Time will be confirmed with students by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.