

Youth Work Experience – Spring Semester 2018

School Programs – Wet Lab Educator

Deadline to apply is **February 19th, 2018.**



Role summary:

- This placement will provide an excellent opportunity for students to build their knowledge and stewardship skills with regard to caring for marine life and the marine environment while gaining teaching experience, strengthening communication skills, developing a sense of teamwork and exploring career options through:
 - Teaching visitors about marine shoreline life local to BC and the major conservation issues affecting it;
 - Participating in and facilitating safe handling of marine animals;
 - Participating in daily animal care routines and operations in our Wet Lab facilities.

Desired skills and experience:

- 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 K-12);
- Strong communications and problem-solving skills;
- Highly flexible and adaptable to new and changing situations.

Special requirements:

- **Students currently in Grades 10-12 only.**

Commitment:

- Each group runs Monday – Friday between the dates listed below:
 - Group A: Monday April 9th – Friday April 27th, 2018
 - Group B: Monday April 30th – Friday May 18th, 2018
 - Group C: Tuesday May 22nd – Friday June 8th, 2018
 - Group D: Monday June 11th – Friday June 22nd, 2018

Work Environment:

- Aquarium wet labs & behind-the-scenes

Shifts Available:

- 9:00am – 3:00pm

Mandatory Training:

- Core training = Sunday March 11th, 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Specific Training = Wednesday, the week prior to the Group commitment time, 9:00am – 3:00pm.

To apply:

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