

Role summary:

To provide the ultimate educational experience for our school-aged visitors (grades K – 12) and connect our visitors to a wide variety of animals and ecosystems from local BC waters via our popular behind-the-scenes Wet Labs (2 exclusive and unique interactive classrooms including touchpools). Important note: this is a teaching position that uses marine biology and conservation management related content, and is not a biologist position. You will:

- Teach groups of up to 10 students about marine life and ecosystems local to BC;
- Facilitate student group learning;
- Participate in and facilitate safe handling of live marine invertebrates and non-living animal artifacts.

Desired skills and experience:

- Volunteers must be 19+ years of age.
- Outwardly personable: outgoing, enthusiastic, and self-motivated.
- Open-mindedness and positive attitude toward continuous learning (in regards to learning about marine life and strategies for being an effective educator).
- Must demonstrate adaptability and flexibility and an ability to think on your feet.
- A genuine interest in interacting with children, youth, adults, and ocean animals are a must.
- Prior teaching experience and/or knowledge of marine life/environments and marine animal handling and care are an asset but not required as training will be provided.
- Bilingual volunteers (English & French) are encouraged to volunteer on Mondays.

Commitment:

- September – December 2019 (or to March 2020)
- 1 weekly shift of five hours
- Minimum 50 hour commitment

Work environment:

- Our two Wet Labs and classrooms.

Shifts available:

- Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm*

*In addition to English programs, we also offer programs in French on Mondays. If you are bilingual and have an interest, the Monday shift could be a good fit.



Training:

- **Aquarium Core I:** Monday September 16th or Sunday September 22nd
- **Aquarium Core II:** Wednesday September 25th or Sunday September 29th
- **School Programs Core I:** Sunday September 22nd or Sunday September 29th, from 1:00pm – 4:30pm
- **Specific training I:** Tuesday October 1st or Sunday October 6th, from 9:00am – 3:00pm
- **Specific training II:** Wednesday October 9th or Saturday October 12th, from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Shifts will begin the week of October 14th.

Are you interested in this program? Register for an upcoming information session (Wednesday September 4th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm) where you can sign up for an interview (Sunday September 8th or Wednesday September 11th). Create a profile in our database by clicking [here](#), and then register for an information session under the “Opportunities” tab.