

## Youth Work Experience – Spring Semester 2018

### School Programs – Wet Lab Educator

Deadline to apply is **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Group B: Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Group C: Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Group D: Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

#### Work Environment:

- Aquarium wet labs & behind-the-scenes

#### Shifts Available:

- 9:00am – 3:00pm

#### Mandatory Training:

- Core training = Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Time will be confirmed with students by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.